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## Executive Summary

### ES-05 Executive Summary - 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

#### 1. Introduction

The Consolidated Plan for Suffolk County, New York, represents a new plan covering the program years from 2015 to 2019. It has been prepared in accordance with 24CFR Part 91 which contains the Rule for the Consolidated Submission for Community Planning and Development Programs. This rule consolidates into a single submission the planning and application aspects of several U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) formula programs under which Suffolk County receives grants. Specifically, Suffolk County receives entitlement funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program and the Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG). This document is an application for these federal grant programs, a housing and community development strategy covering Fiscal Years 2015 to 2019, and a one year plan (Action Plan) for the fiscal year 2015. The County submits an Action Plan on an annual basis to HUD. In subsequent years 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 the County will submit stand-alone annual plans.

In preparing the 2015 – 2019 Consolidated Plan, data from the 2010 census was utilized along with updated data from local sources and the American Community Survey Estimates for 2007 – 2011. In those situations where substantial changes occur, the County will utilize local data to identify and explain housing and community development needs, objectives and trends. The County believes that by using this approach a comprehensive analysis of needs and strategies can be developed. It is anticipated that when data from the 2020 census is made available that the County will update the next Consolidated Plan to reflect changes in housing needs and demographics of the Consortium.

#### 2. *Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan*

The Consolidated Plan outlines six objectives based on Needs Assessment and Market Analysis. These include:

**1. Affordable Housing** - Increase and improve housing affordability through the creation of new affordable rental and homeownership units, rental assistance, strategic investment in first time homebuyers, and reduction of housing costs for existing homeowners, particularly cost burdened senior citizens and young persons.

**2. Public Facilities and Improvements** - Use Community Development Block Grant funding for public facilities and improvements that promote recreation and accessibility. Public facilities and

improvements include sidewalks and crosswalks, parks and recreation areas including handicapped accessibility improvements, and transportation improvements.

**3. Non-homeless Public Services** - Support the use of CDBG public service funds for activities that specifically benefit and address youth and job mentoring, substance abuse, educational/after-school programs, and services to senior citizens and low/moderate income persons and families.

**4. Homeless Public Services** - Support the use of CDBG public service funds for activities that specifically benefit and address the issues of housing, homelessness, and homeless prevention. Support for meal programs and food pantries which are used by the homeless are a funding priority in Suffolk County. Priority will be given to programs which support the identified needs and goals of the Long Island Continuum of Care.

**5. Economic Development** – Develop economic development programs and activities available through the Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Program to meet the economic challenges facing Suffolk County Consortium members primarily through downtown improvement and beautification programs which support the County's goal of improving transit oriented developments.

**6. Non Housing Community Development** – Develop programs and activities that can be made available through the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Programs that meet the economic challenges facing Suffolk County Consortium members primarily through improvement and beautification programs and community development which supports the County's goal of improving transit oriented developments. Improve access to public places as well as public buildings and provide needed services to the low and moderate income populations.

**Outcomes:** Assist with development and purchase of housing for the low/moderate income population through homeownership and tenant based rental assistance programs. Also support programs to improve public parks and facilities, sidewalks and streets by making them more handicapped accessible. In addition this priority includes services to low and moderate income persons, elderly, persons with AIDS, homeless persons, victims of domestic violence and other groups that are "presumed" to benefit from public service activities. These services will include youth counseling, senior mentoring, food pantries, soup kitchens, and case management referrals.

### **3. Evaluation of past performance**

Suffolk County and its participating municipalities continue to make progress on the priority needs identified in the previous Consolidated Plan. Accomplishments over the previous five years have been achieved despite the loss of federal assistance. To compensate for the reduction in federal funding and subsequent staff reductions, the County has utilized County funding and County land for affordable housing projects and worked with non-profit agencies to secure State and private funding for housing development activities.

During the last five years the County has continued to provide down payment assistance, constructed both first time homeowner and rental housing, acquired and/or rehabilitated owner and rental housing,

rehabilitated foreclosed and vacant properties, assisted non-profits in providing homeless sheltering, facilitated downtown revitalizations and public services to low and moderate income families.

#### **4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process**

The Consolidated Plan was developed in consultation with the seventeen (17) participating municipalities which comprise The Consortium and a variety of other public and private agencies. Public hearings were conducted at the fourteen local municipal levels, as well as the County level. Consultation was additionally sought from County departments and non-profit agencies via two County held public meetings to discuss the Plan's housing, special needs, community development and homeless needs and through announcements at the Long Island Continuum of Care membership meetings.

#### **5. Summary of public comments**

The Consolidated Plan was developed in consultation with the participating consortium municipalities and a variety of other public and private agencies. Public hearings were conducted at the local municipal level, as well as the County level. Consultation was sought from County departments and non-profit agencies via a County held public meeting to discuss the Plan's housing, special needs, community development and homeless needs.

Comments consistently supported the goals of the CDBG, ESG, and HOME programs. The Department of Social Services stressed a need for additional supportive housing models across Long Island and more affordable permanent housing options throughout Long Island. More affordable rental and homeowner housing will support the goal of ending homelessness for the low and moderate income persons of the island. Transitional housing and support services were seen as a bridge to housing stability.

#### **6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them**

All comments and views were accepted and the resulting concepts are incorporated into the Annual Plan.

#### **7. Summary**

The Consolidated Plan, Community Development Block Grant, the HOME Program and the Emergency Shelter Grant are administered and coordinated by the Suffolk County Community Development Office acting as lead agency. The Suffolk County Consortium's general approach to housing and community development has been to establish a compliment of programs that deal with the diverse priorities of each of the member municipalities. These priorities are designed to meet the federal objectives of the overall housing and community development effort. This includes improvement of the housing stock, elimination and prevention of slums and blight, provision of new housing choices and opportunities, increasing homeownership and rental opportunities, improving neighborhoods, economic development opportunities, serving the needs of low and moderate income persons and neighborhoods and ending chronic homelessness.

A major goal of the Suffolk County Consortium is the development of viable neighborhoods and comprehensive housing programs designed to increase and improve housing stock within its jurisdiction.

An integral part of this program is the expansion of housing choices for those groups whose choices are limited by economic status, race, sex or handicap. The comprehensive housing program strategy will continue to utilize the full range of housing tools currently available. These existing tools will be augmented when necessary, with CDBG and other available funds in order to improve and expand the County's housing inventory and revitalize lower income neighborhoods.

## The Process

### ***PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies - 91.200(b)***

1. Describe agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	SUFFOLK COUNTY	
CDBG Administrator	SUFFOLK COUNTY	Suffolk County - Community Development Office
HOPWA Administrator	Not applicable	
HOME Administrator	SUFFOLK COUNTY	Suffolk County - Community Development Office
ESG Administrator	SUFFOLK COUNTY	Suffolk County - Community Development Office
HOPWA-C Administrator		

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

### **Narrative**

The Suffolk County Community Development Office acts as administrator for the CDBG/HOME/ESG consortium of towns. The Consolidated Plan was developed in consultation with the participating consortium municipalities, Suffolk County Planning Staff, The Long Island Continuum of Care membership and various public and private agencies. Public hearings were conducted at the local municipal level as well as at the County level. Consultation was sought from county departments and non-profits via two county held public meetings on November 17 and November 25, 2014. The draft plan was also submitted to the three entitlement towns of Babylon, Huntington and Islip for their review and comment prior to submission.

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PR-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

## **PR-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)**

### ***1. Introduction***

Suffolk County, as administrator for the 17 town consortium, reaches out to the public for input. In 2015 the County held 2 public hearings that were advertised in Newsday and were announced in a traditional letter to interested parties soliciting input for the use of CDBG, HOME and ESG funds. In turn, the member municipalities also advertised in their respective local newspapers held public hearings and solicited input for the use of CDBG funds. This process is implemented each and every year. In anticipation of preparing this report, a dual announcement went out, for both the annual and consolidated plans.

**Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l)).**

For the 30 years that Suffolk County has been administering the CDBG/HOME/ESG Programs we have maintained an open line of communication with our sub-grantees. They are extremely knowledgeable as to the needs of their service population communities, progress made and challenges still to address. All consortium participants are in close contact with the Community Development Office and contact us with any questions, concerns, and/or suggestions for projects and their eligibility for funding. We encourage all of our sub-grantees to provide feedback, recommendations and proposals and we closely monitor the administration and compliance of our Consortium members and grant sub-recipients.

**Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness**

Staff members regularly attend Continuum of Care meetings to learn first-hand of the challenges and opportunities that exist for the member organizations. In turn the County provides input as to ESG program funding opportunities and program requirements. Member organizations include nonprofits that work with homeless, chronically homeless, at risk of homelessness, families with children, veterans and the mentally ill.

**Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards and evaluate outcomes, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the administration of HMIS**

Each year the Community Development Office of Suffolk County prepares an announcement to request competitive ESG applications. Only CoC members utilizing the HMIS system; with the exception of domestic violence organizations, are eligible to apply and the ESG grant parameters are made available at the Community Development website. Additionally, the CoC management group distributes the information via email to all members, including those who may have not attended the meeting. The CoC group, headed by the Nassau- Suffolk Coalition for the Homeless, has been making great strides in coordinating services and eliminating duplication of effort. They have finalized the development of the HMIS reporting system for the ESG grant as well as creating a database of beds available on any given night for each sub category of special need. This effort will serve to expedite a more precise placement of homeless individuals and families based on individual needs.

**2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdictions consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities**

The Consolidated Plan was developed in consultation with the participating municipalities and a variety of other public and private agencies. Public hearings were conducted at the local municipal level, as well as the County level. The Office of Community Development consulted with several departments within the County including the Department of Social Services, Human Rights, Planning, Real Estate, Affordable Housing, and Economic Development. It also consulted with several nonprofit housing providers and advocacy groups in connection with issues impacting the Consortium, such as fair housing, funding and regulatory processes.

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Long Island Coalition for the Homeless
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Each year the Community Development Office of Suffolk County announces a request for competitive ESG applications. Additionally, the CoC management group distributes the information via email to all members, including those who may have not attended the meeting. The outcome is to be streamlined coordination of information, services, reporting of availability of beds.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Suffolk County Dept of Social Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Suffolk County Department of Social Services provides input on the special needs of the homeless and chronically homeless populations. Using the "housing first" model the various ESG programs can coordinate with the County on housing placements and necessary services.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	SUFFOLK COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County Planning Dept. & Economic Development Dept.
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Economic Development
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Suffolk County Community Development Department consulted with the County's Planning and Economic Development Departments to coordinate housing strategies that combine affordable housing and community development with the overall transit oriented strategy being implemented to retain our youth and seniors, a majority of whom are low and moderate income households.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Economic Opportunity Council of Suffolk, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Education Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Economic Opportunity Council has expertise in evaluating the needs of at-risk populations. They provide counseling in several areas including: financial fitness, employment, and housing counseling. The County coordinates ESG program components with this group consistently in order to streamline coordination of information and services.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	MINISTRY OF HOPE, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Veterans
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Ministry of Hope provides emergency housing and services for homeless men, many of whom are veterans and disabled. In consulting with this group it became clear that men without children and especially veterans are an underserved population with intense service needs. Suffolk County has made a commitment to it's veterans and this organization can provide the services and temporary housing needed while preparing its participants for employment and permanent housing opportunities.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Long Island Housing Services, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	fair housing enforcement

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Long Island Housing Services has consistently provided fair housing programs and enforcement throughout both Nassau and Suffolk Counties. The entire Continuum of Care, the County and the CDBG Consortium rely upon this agency for its information disbursement and referral services. Additional coordination and outreach to promote fair housing is anticipated.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Town of Brookhaven
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Town of Brookhaven is the largest municipality in the group of seventeen (17) towns that comprise the CDBG Consortium. They are consulted through public hearing, ongoing monitoring and reporting, to coordinate the County's priorities including but not limited to affordable housing, residential rehab, counseling services to at-risk populations, downtown revitalization, development of recreational parks and accessibility improvements. We anticipate that the Town of Brookhaven will substantially contribute the overall goals of the County of Suffolk's implementation of its CDBG Program and goals.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Town of East Hampton
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Our Consortium members are consulted through public hearing, ongoing monitoring and reporting as well as information submission and disbursement. We anticipate continued coordination of information, services and reporting.

9	Agency/Group/Organization	Town of Shelter Island
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Our Consortium members are consulted through public hearing, ongoing monitoring and reporting as well as information submission and disbursement. We anticipate continued coordination of information, services and reporting.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Town of Riverhead
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Our Consortium members are consulted through public hearing, ongoing monitoring and reporting as well as information submission and disbursement. We anticipate continued coordination of information, services and reporting.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Town of Smithtown
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Our Consortium members are consulted through public hearing, ongoing monitoring and reporting as well as information submission and disbursement. We anticipate continued coordination of information, services and reporting.

12	Agency/Group/Organization	TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Our Consortium members are consulted through public hearing, ongoing monitoring and reporting as well as information submission and disbursement. We anticipate continued coordination of information, services and reporting.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Town of Southold
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Our Consortium members are consulted through public hearing, ongoing monitoring and reporting as well as information submission and disbursement. We anticipate continued coordination of information, services and reporting.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	Village of Bellport
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Our Consortium members are consulted through public hearing, ongoing monitoring and reporting as well as information submission and disbursement. We anticipate continued coordination of information, services and reporting.

15	Agency/Group/Organization	Village of Lake Grove
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Our Consortium members are consulted through public hearing, ongoing monitoring and reporting as well as information submission and disbursement. We anticipate continued coordination of information, services and reporting.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	Village of Patchogue
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Our Consortium members are consulted through public hearing, ongoing monitoring and reporting as well as information submission and disbursement. We anticipate continued coordination of information, services and reporting.
17	Agency/Group/Organization	Village of Port Jefferson
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Our Consortium members are consulted through public hearing, ongoing monitoring and reporting as well as information submission and disbursement. We anticipate continued coordination of information, services and reporting.
18	Agency/Group/Organization	Village of Sag Harbor
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Our Consortium members are consulted through public hearing, ongoing monitoring and reporting as well as information submission and disbursement. We anticipate continued coordination of information, services and reporting.
19	Agency/Group/Organization	Village of Southampton
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Our Consortium members are consulted through public hearing, ongoing monitoring and reporting as well as information submission and disbursement. We anticipate continued coordination of information, services and reporting.
20	Agency/Group/Organization	Village of Westhampton Beach
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Our Consortium members are consulted through public hearing, ongoing monitoring and reporting as well as information submission and disbursement. We anticipate continued coordination of information, services and reporting.
21	Agency/Group/Organization	Town of Huntington
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Town of Huntington is part of the Consortium in that it participates in our HOME Program only Our Consortium members are consulted through public hearing, ongoing monitoring and reporting as well as information submission and disbursement. We anticipate continued coordination of information, services and reporting.

### Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

The Office of Community Development makes every effort to reach out to the consortium members, the Continuum of Care membership, internally relevant departments within the County and the general public.

### Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care		

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

**Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(l))**

Suffolk County participates in ongoing coordination with the 14 public entities/municipalities that comprise the active members of the CDBG/HOME Consortium. Each year the County solicits input from all 17 Consortium members in developing an overall strategy to implement the Consolidated Plan. Fourteen notices were published in local newspapers to advise citizens and non-profit organizations of each of the fourteen public hearings which were held to solicit views on housing and community development needs and the use of federal funds to address the community needs. Additionally the County held two public hearing on November 17 and November 25, 2014.

## PR-15 Citizen Participation - 91.401, 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation  
Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

The Consolidated Plan was developed in consultation with the 14 participating municipalities and a variety of other public and private agencies. Public hearings were conducted at the local municipal level, as well as the County level. Citizen's comments were reviewed and incorporated into the plan. Consultation was sought from County departments and non-profit agencies via two County held public meetings to discuss the Plan's housing, special needs, community development and homeless needs. This year we included both the web site and email address to view and comment on the plan to encourage participation.

### Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	0	0	0	
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	1 comment received by mail	Increase the supply of affordable rental housing. Continue efforts to help first time home buyers purchase their homes.	All comments were accepted.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

# Needs Assessment

## NA-05 Overview

### Needs Assessment Overview

Suffolk County is required to complete a detailed needs assessment which covers housing needs, homeless needs, non-homeless special needs and non-housing community development needs. Much of the data in this section and market analysis was completed using a special tabulation of 2007 - 2011 American Community Survey (ACS) data, called CHAS data, created by the Census Bureau for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and generated through HUD's eCon Planning Suite. This is a new online tool to help communities create market-driven, leveraged housing and community development plans. The tool uses a template which: includes all the required Plan elements, generates the latest housing and economic data, integrates the CPD mapping tool, allows integration of planning and reporting, and permits electronic submission of documents. It also creates a single national format so stakeholders have access to the common data sets and information.

There are various HUD terms or categories used in this section. The following are definitions of the most common terms or categories.

#### HUD Income Levels

**The term HAMFI means HUD Area Median Family Income.**

*Substandard suitable for rehabilitation* means a housing unit, or in the case of multiple unit buildings the building or buildings containing the housing units, which have at least three major systems in need of replacement or repair and the estimated cost of making the needed replacements and the repairs is less than 75% of the estimated cost of new construction of a comparable unit or units.

#### Cost-burden

*30% cost-burden or "cost-burden"*: Household spends more than 30% of their gross household income on housing costs.

*50% cost-burden or "severe cost-burden"*: Household spends more than 50% of their gross household income on housing costs.

## **NA-10 Housing Needs Assessment - 24 CFR 91.405, 24 CFR 91.205 (a,b,c)**

### **Summary of Housing Needs**

This section of the Consolidated Plan identifies statistical and analytical information which provides an overall picture of the housing and homeless needs of the Suffolk County HOME Consortia. Except where indicated, the data is based on the 2000 U.S. Census, the 2007 - 2011 CHAS Data Report, which is also derived from the 2000 Census.

Demographics	Base Year: 2000	Most Recent Year: 2011	% Change
Population	873,716	927,753	6%
Households	297,296	319,635	8%
Median Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	

Table 5 - Housing Needs Assessment Demographics

Data Source: 2000 Census (Base Year), 2007-2011 ACS (Most Recent Year)

### **Number of Households Table**

	0-30% HAMFI	>30-50% HAMFI	>50-80% HAMFI	>80-100% HAMFI	>100% HAMFI
Total Households *	33,944	33,108	46,619	35,512	170,419
Small Family Households *	8,516	11,551	19,216	16,813	98,664
Large Family Households *	2,334	2,867	5,526	4,904	21,462
Household contains at least one person 62-74 years of age	7,455	7,391	10,702	7,753	34,287
Household contains at least one person age 75 or older	9,964	8,003	7,326	3,726	10,935
Households with one or more children 6 years old or younger *	4,557	5,402	8,328	7,259	12,999
* the highest income category for these family types is >80% HAMFI					

Table 6 - Total Households Table

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

## Housing Needs Summary Tables

### 1. Housing Problems (Households with one of the listed needs)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30- 50% AMI	>50- 80% AMI	>80- 100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30- 50% AMI	>50- 80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Substandard Housing - Lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities	435	204	244	59	942	30	179	185	103	497
Severely Overcrowded - With >1.51 people per room (and complete kitchen and plumbing)	320	188	95	105	708	35	15	123	0	173
Overcrowded - With 1.01-1.5 people per room (and none of the above problems)	319	759	335	220	1,633	169	347	324	162	1,002

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
Housing cost burden greater than 50% of income (and none of the above problems)	9,358	4,335	1,136	175	15,004	13,590	11,438	10,500	4,645	40,173
Housing cost burden greater than 30% of income (and none of the above problems)	1,298	3,259	6,166	1,672	12,395	2,605	6,860	11,772	10,710	31,947
Zero/negative Income (and none of the above problems)	1,073	0	0	0	1,073	1,593	0	0	0	1,593

Table 7 – Housing Problems Table

Data 2007-2011 CHAS

Source:

## 2. Housing Problems 2 (Households with one or more Severe Housing Problems: Lacks kitchen or complete plumbing, severe overcrowding, severe cost burden)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
Having 1 or more of four housing problems	10,418	5,494	1,826	560	18,298	13,830	11,978	11,136	4,904	41,848
Having none of four housing problems	3,225	4,809	9,706	5,625	23,365	3,814	10,847	23,972	24,421	63,054
Household has negative income, but none of the other housing problems	1,073	0	0	0	1,073	1,593	0	0	0	1,593

Table 8 – Housing Problems 2

Data 2007-2011 CHAS  
Source:

### 3. Cost Burden > 30%

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS								
Small Related	3,772	4,090	3,409	11,271	3,583	6,074	10,867	20,524
Large Related	953	566	748	2,267	1,116	1,870	3,378	6,364
Elderly	3,866	1,631	1,014	6,511	9,483	8,790	5,529	23,802
Other	2,928	2,099	2,388	7,415	2,142	2,036	2,832	7,010

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
Total need by income	11,519	8,386	7,559	27,464	16,324	18,770	22,606	57,700

Table 9 – Cost Burden > 30%

Data 2007-2011 CHAS

Source:

#### 4. Cost Burden > 50%

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS								
Small Related	3,558	2,042	246	5,846	3,301	4,691	5,452	13,444
Large Related	888	294	210	1,392	1,022	1,601	1,580	4,203
Elderly	2,941	1,087	328	4,356	7,405	3,991	2,190	13,586
Other	2,704	1,187	380	4,271	1,968	1,524	1,507	4,999
Total need by income	10,091	4,610	1,164	15,865	13,696	11,807	10,729	36,232

Table 10 – Cost Burden > 50%

Data 2007-2011 CHAS  
Source:

## 5. Crowding (More than one person per room)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
<b>NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS</b>										
Single family households	549	822	370	270	2,011	159	262	308	123	852
Multiple, unrelated family households	70	150	45	25	290	25	100	139	39	303
Other, non-family households	65	14	75	30	184	20	0	0	0	20
Total need by income	684	986	490	325	2,485	204	362	447	162	1,175

Table 11 – Crowding Information - 1/2

Data 2007-2011 CHAS  
Source:

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
Households with Children Present	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 12 – Crowding Information – 2/2

### **Describe the number and type of single person households in need of housing assistance.**

Table 11 indicates that there is 2,160 combined singles, unrelated families, and non-family households at low/moderate income levels. This may be attributable to Long Island's high housing costs and the resulting solution of shared housing. Many young people have chosen roommate situations in order to be able to remain in Suffolk County while moving out of their family residences. Anecdotal evidence suggests that many of the County's immigrant population utilize shared housing as a means to making housing more affordable.

### **Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance who are disabled or victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.**

The 2011-2013 Census Bureau - American Communities Survey (ACS) identified a total disabled and non-institutionalized population for the County of Suffolk at 139,172 persons, or 9% of Suffolk County's population of 1,483,614.

For this section we will utilize the ACS report and we will assume that the consortium figures will mirror those of the county overall.

- There are 30,853 persons over the age of 5 experiencing self-care difficulties.
- There are 50,398 persons over the age of 18 with an independent living difficulty.
- There are 75,547 persons over the age of 5 with an ambulatory difficulty.

### **What are the most common housing problems?**

The preceding tables illustrate that the most prevalent housing problem within the Consortium is affordability for both renters and owners. We anticipate that as our population ages, the cost burden will continue to increase as retirees face the region's high housing costs with reduced incomes. Young persons too, find it difficult to remain on Long Island where affordable housing is hard to obtain.

### **Are any populations/household types more affected than others by these problems?**

The lowest income populations by definition are most affected. Both renters and owners face challenges in affordability and home maintenance. Homeless families in particular are more affected as is illustrated by their housing status.

### **Describe the characteristics and needs of Low-income individuals and families with children (especially extremely low-income) who are currently housed but are at imminent risk of either residing in shelters or becoming unsheltered 91.205(c)/91.305(c)). Also discuss the needs of formerly homeless families and individuals who are receiving rapid re-housing assistance and are nearing the termination of that assistance**

Within Suffolk County there are also non-homeless households which are threatened with homelessness and are considered "at-risk" or at "imminent risk" of homelessness. Factors contributing to this problem

include increase in the number of foreclosed homes, excessive housing cost burden, overcrowding, substance abuse, mental illness and AIDS. Extremely low income families with incomes of less than 30% of area median, especially those with children, are most at-risk. It is estimated that 57% of renters and 33% of owner families within this income category have one or more housing problems which include: cost burden, overcrowding and inadequate plumbing. The County assists low income families and individuals in imminent danger of residing in shelters, or being unsheltered by establishing a coordinated services approach. This allows the imminently homeless access to emergency housing via one of the County's Social Services Centers located throughout the County or *after* business hours through the 24 hour, seven day a week emergency hotline established by the Department of Social Services. Community groups and the police are also aware of this phone number so that they can make referrals. The centralized unit matches client needs with available bed space in accordance with Federal and local guidelines. Each of the County's service centers are staffed with Housing Specialists who assess client needs, offer permanent housing resources or arrange for emergency placements, if necessary. Homeless clients who appear to have a need for special services are referred to a caseworker screener who works at each Center.

**If a jurisdiction provides estimates of the at-risk population(s), it should also include a description of the operational definition of the at-risk group and the methodology used to generate the estimates:**

The County has not generated formal estimates of the at-risk populations. However, based on the current homeless population within the Long Island region as a whole; it may be safe to assume that since the numbers of homeless households has increased from 1,668 in 2013 to 1,832 in 2014 according to the CoC Point in Time count, that the homeless count will remain the same or increase in the future. The operational description of the at-risk group is described above as those with one or more housing problems, low/moderate income households, those previously homeless, and those with health issues.

**Specify particular housing characteristics that have been linked with instability and an increased risk of homelessness**

Suffolk County's homeless population is the result of several factors including the high cost of living in the area, lack of affordable rental units, increased unemployment, record number of foreclosed houses and the regional economic conditions. As a result of these factors, local shelters are functioning at full capacity.

## **NA-15 Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Problems - 91.405, 91.205 (b)(2)**

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

### **Introduction**

The following tables show the number of households with disproportionately greater needs for all housing problems, severe housing problems, and cost burden. For the purpose of the Plan, disproportionately greater need exists when the percentage of households in a category of need who are members of a particular racial or ethnic group is at least 10 percentage points higher than the percentage of households in the category as a whole.

#### **Housing problems are defined as:**

- Lacking complete kitchen facilities
- Lacking complete plumbing facilities
- More than one person per room
- Housing costs more than 30% of household income

We will look at the total number of persons in each ethnic group and compare it against the number experiencing specific housing issues. The specific issues are one or more problems, no problems, no income or negative income with no problems.

For example the jurisdiction as a whole comprises 33,715 persons, 28,137 of whom have one or more housing problems. This group represents 83% of the entire jurisdiction experiencing at least one housing problem. Using this calculation as a starting point, any group with a 10 percentage point increase over 83% is experiencing a disproportionately greater need in this *housing problem* category.

### **0%-30% of Area Median Income**

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	28,137	3,080	2,498
White	22,664	2,596	2,023
Black / African American	1,935	115	65

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Asian	746	18	84
American Indian, Alaska Native	88	33	30
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	2,504	240	260

Table 13 - Disproportionally Greater Need 0 - 30% AMI

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

\*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

### 30%-50% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	25,122	6,806	0
White	20,398	6,036	0
Black / African American	719	289	0
Asian	812	95	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	39	20	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Hispanic	3,080	365	0

Table 14 - Disproportionally Greater Need 30 - 50% AMI

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

\*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

#### 50%-80% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	18,983	9,073	0
White	15,357	8,008	0
Black / African American	713	302	0
Asian	455	245	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	35	43	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	2,288	417	0

Table 15 - Disproportionally Greater Need 50 - 80% AMI

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

\*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

### 80%-100% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	17,380	14,209	0
White	14,749	12,570	0
Black / African American	574	653	0
Asian	492	345	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	4	63	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	1,542	491	0

Table 16 - Disproportionally Greater Need 80 - 100% AMI

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

\*The four housing problems are: 1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

### Discussion

The disparate impact analysis for housing problems showed the following groups with percentages at least 10% higher than the jurisdiction as a whole:

- 0-30% of median income –None
- 30-50% of median income –Asian and Hispanic
- 50-80% of median income –Hispanic
- 80-100% of median income –Hispanic

These four identified groups each contain at least 800 households with housing problems. The Hispanic population in particular seems to have the most disproportionate impact. The percentage of Hispanic households with 50-80% of area median income and at least one housing problem was 16 percentage

points higher than the jurisdiction as a whole. The percentage of Hispanic households with 80-100% of area median income and at least one housing problem was 20 percentage points higher than the jurisdiction as a whole.

## ***NA-20 Disproportionately Greater Need: Severe Housing Problems - 91.405, 91.205 (b)(2)***

**Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.**

### ***Introduction***

In this section the four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities
3. More than 1.5 persons per room
4. Cost Burden greater than 50%

We will look at the total number of persons in each ethnic group and compare it against the number experiencing specific housing issues. The specific issues are one or more problems, no problems, no income or negative income with no problems.

For example the jurisdiction as a whole comprises 33,710 persons, 23,465 of whom have one or more housing problems. This group represents 70% of the entire jurisdiction experiencing at least one housing problem. Using this calculation as a starting point, any group with a 10 percentage point increase over 70% is experiencing a disproportionately greater need in this severe housing problem category.

### **0%-30% of Area Median Income**

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	23,465	7,747	2,498
White	18,735	6,538	2,023
Black / African American	1,673	373	65
Asian	656	108	84
American Indian, Alaska Native	34	88	30
Pacific Islander	0	0	0

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Hispanic	2,214	535	260

Table 17 – Severe Housing Problems 0 - 30% AMI

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

\*The four severe housing problems are: 1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

### 30%-50% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	15,901	16,031	0
White	12,337	14,083	0
Black / African American	480	528	0
Asian	657	255	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	15	44	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	2,335	1,107	0

Table 18 – Severe Housing Problems 30 - 50% AMI

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

\*The four severe housing problems are: 1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

### 50%-80% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	8,142	19,848	0
White	6,397	16,893	0
Black / African American	285	731	0
Asian	246	457	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	15	63	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	1,095	1,600	0

Table 19 – Severe Housing Problems 50 - 80% AMI

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

\*The four severe housing problems are: 1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

### 80%-100% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	5,687	25,870	0
White	4,522	22,754	0

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Black / African American	154	1,074	0
Asian	228	609	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	4	63	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	745	1,266	0

Table 20 – Severe Housing Problems 80 - 100% AMI

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

\*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, Cost Burden over 50%

## Discussion

The impact analysis for severe housing problems indicated that the following racial/ethnic groups had disproportionately greater need, with percentages at least 10% higher than the jurisdiction as a whole:

- 0-30% of area median income: **Black / African American**
- 30-50% of area median income: **Asian and Hispanic**
- 50-80% of area median income: **Hispanic**
- 80-100% of area median income: **Hispanic**
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These five identified racial/ethnic groups each contain at least 600 households with severe housing problems. Again, the Hispanic population in particular seems to have the most disproportionate impact. The percentage of Hispanic households with 50-80% of area median income and at least one severe housing problem was 18 percentage points higher than the jurisdiction as a whole. The percentage of Hispanic households with 80-100% of area median income and at least one severe housing problem was 19 percentage points higher than the jurisdiction as a whole.

## NA-25 Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens - 91.405, 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

### Introduction

We will look at the total number of persons in each ethnic group and compare it against the number experiencing a specific cost burden. The specific burdens are: greater than 50% of income being spent on Housing Cost, between 30- 50% of income being spent on housing cost. In this instance less than 30% of income spent on housing is not considered a burden. This 30% calculation has been determined to be a healthy portion of one's income to be used for housing costs for both renters and owners. This calculation is made against gross income, leaving the balance after taxes, for utilities and other expenses.

For example the jurisdiction as a whole comprises 309,126 persons, 57,464 of whom spend greater than 50% of their gross income on housing costs. This group represents 19% of the entire jurisdiction. Using this calculation as a starting point, any group with a 10 percentage point increase over 19% is experiencing a disproportionately greater need in this **housing cost burden** category.

### Housing Cost Burden

Housing Cost Burden	<=30%	30-50%	>50%	No / negative income (not computed)
Jurisdiction as a whole	176,073	73,056	57,464	2,533
White	158,074	62,856	46,606	2,023
Black / African American	4,876	2,442	2,534	65
Asian	4,683	1,980	1,899	84
American Indian, Alaska Native	259	123	63	30
Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
Hispanic	7,267	5,152	6,055	295

Table 21 – Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens AMI

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

## ***NA-30 Disproportionately Greater Need: Discussion - 91.205 (b)(2)***

**Are there any Income categories in which a racial or ethnic group has disproportionately greater need than the needs of that income category as a whole?**

The previous analysis reveals whether any particular racial/ethnic group has a need disproportionately greater than all the households in that income group. A disproportionately greater need is said to exist when the percentage of households in a particular category is at least 10 percentage points higher than the percentage of households in the jurisdiction as a whole.

In this case, all income categories contain at least one racial/ethnic group that has a disproportionately greater need:

### In the 0-30% income category

- 1,673 Black / African American households with severe housing problems show disproportionate impact.

### In the 30-50% income category

- 812 Asian households and
- 3,080 Hispanic households with housing problems show disproportionate impact, and
- 657 Asian households and
- 2,335 Hispanic households with severe housing problems and show disproportionate impact.

### In the 50-80% income category

- 2,288 Hispanic households with housing problems show disproportionate impact, and
- 1,095 Hispanic households with severe housing problems and show disproportionate impact.

### In the 80-100% income category,

- 1,542 Hispanic households with housing problems show disproportionate impact, and
- 745 Hispanic households with severe housing problems and show disproportionate impact.

**Are any of those racial or ethnic groups located in specific areas or neighborhoods in your community?**

Within the jurisdiction:

- The Black / African American population comprises greater than 20% of the population in:
- Gordon Heights (48.8%), Northampton (27.5%), North Bellport (24.8%), and Riverside (24.3%), according to the 2010 U. S. Census
- The Asian population comprises greater than 20% of the population in Stony Brook University (20.4%).

The Hispanic population comprises greater than 20% of the population in:

- East Hampton North (38.5%),
- Flanders (37.5%),
- Springs (36.6%),
- Riverside (30.0%),
- Shinnecock Hills (29.9%),
- Patchogue Village (29.6%),
- North Bellport (29.3%),
- Hampton Bays (28.6%),
- Tuckahoe (26.7%),
- Riverhead (25.3%),
- Gordon Heights (25.0%),
- Mastic (21.8%), and
- North Patchogue (20.6%).

## NA-35 Public Housing - 91.405, 91.205 (b)

### Introduction

The municipalities within the Suffolk County Community Development Consortium do not have a federally chartered Public Housing Agency. The only federally chartered public housing is in the entitlement Towns of Islip and Huntington and reported in their respective consolidated plans.

### Totals in Use

Program Type									
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
# of units vouchers in use	0	0	0	854	0	854	0	0	0

Table 22 - Public Housing by Program Type

\*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

### Characteristics of Residents

Program Type
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	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers				
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Special Purpose Voucher	
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program
# Homeless at admission	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
# of Elderly Program Participants (>62)	0	0	0	338	0	338	0	0
# of Disabled Families	0	0	0	231	0	231	0	0
# of Families requesting accessibility features	0	0	0	854	0	854	0	0
# of HIV/AIDS program participants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# of DV victims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 23 – Characteristics of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

## Race of Residents

Program Type									
Race	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
White	0	0	0	575	0	575	0	0	0
Black/African American	0	0	0	263	0	263	0	0	0
Asian	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0	0	12	0	12	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition									

Table 24 – Race of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

## Ethnicity of Residents

Program Type									
Ethnicity	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
Hispanic	0	0	0	103	0	103	0	0	0
Not Hispanic	0	0	0	751	0	751	0	0	0
*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition									

Table 25 – Ethnicity of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

**Section 504 Needs Assessment: Describe the needs of public housing tenants and applicants on the waiting list for accessible units:**

The municipalities of the Suffolk County Community Development Consortium do not have a federally chartered Public Housing Agency. The only federally chartered public housing is in the entitlement Towns of Islip and Huntington and reported in their respective consolidated plans.

**What are the number and type of families on the waiting lists for public housing and section 8 tenant-based rental assistance? Based on the information above, and any other information available to the jurisdiction, what are the most immediate needs of residents of public housing and Housing Choice voucher holders?**

The Consortium does not have Public Housing clients. However, the types of families on Section 8 waiting lists in Consortium Towns are typical of the overall Suffolk County population facing housing problems. The predominant housing problem in the Consortium is affordability. As seen in the Housing Needs Summary Table 7, over 15,000 renters are paying over 50% of their income on their housing expense. The approximate number of applicants on the combined wait lists for municipalities that have Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher programs: Brookhaven, Patchogue, Southampton, Riverhead and Smithtown is approximately 5,364.

**How do these needs compare to the housing needs of the population at large**

These needs are congruent with the population at large.

**Discussion**

The most immediate need of Voucher holders is the ability to find safe affordable rental housing. For those applicants that may require accessible units, it is very difficult to find those types of housing. Single family homes, the predominant housing type on Long Island, are often not affordable and/or not accessible.

## **NA-40 Homeless Needs Assessment - 91.405, 91.205 (c)**

### **Introduction:**

Suffolk County recognizes the need to provide housing and supportive services for the homeless and has assessed our needs as follows:

1. Increase the supply of permanent, affordable housing with supportive services for homeless families, homeless individuals with special needs and low income individuals and families.
2. Develop emergency shelters and transitional housing to shelter the homeless and homeless with special needs.
3. Strengthen homeless prevention programs and increase and expand to permanent housing.
4. Develop a chronic Homelessness Strategic Plan to shelter the chronically homeless.

### **Homeless Needs Assessment**

Population	Estimate the # of persons experiencing homelessness on a given night		Estimate the # experiencing homelessness each year	Estimate the # becoming homeless each year	Estimate the # exiting homelessness each year	Estimate the # of days persons experience homelessness
	Sheltered	Unsheltered				
Persons in Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	0	2,288	2,769	2,147	1,975	140
Persons in Households with Only Children	0	0	0	0	0	0
Persons in Households with Only Adults	64	855	1,602	1,401	1,245	117

Population	Estimate the # of persons experiencing homelessness on a given night		Estimate the # experiencing homelessness each year	Estimate the # becoming homeless each year	Estimate the # exiting homelessness each year	Estimate the # of days persons experience homelessness
	Sheltered	Unsheltered				
Chronically Homeless Individuals	12	99	139	124	90	176
Chronically Homeless Families	0	256	154	95	144	146
Veterans	7	167	351	283	216	167
Unaccompanied Child	21	106	21	9	9	3
Persons with HIV	1	3	16	13	15	61

Table 26 - Homeless Needs Assessment

Alternate Data Source Name:

HUD 2014 CoC Homeless Assist. Programs PIT Count

Data Source Comments:

**Indicate the rural homeless population**

**Consortium Has No Rural Homeless**

**If data is not available for the categories "number of persons becoming and exiting homelessness each year," and "number of days that persons experience homelessness," describe these categories for each homeless population type (including chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth):**

HUD point in time data is available for homeless populations on Long Island as a whole. Suffolk County data cannot be isolated. This report is a snapshot of the Nassau/Suffolk homeless population on January 22, 2014 generated by the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless, the lead agency for the NY-603 Long Island Continuum of Care (CoC). The CoC membership consists of nonprofit homeless providers in Nassau County, Suffolk County, and the Towns of Babylon, Islip and Huntington. These member agencies use the mandatory Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) reporting software system to track homeless beds, persons, family composition, types of health issues, and obstacles to maintaining permanent housing. The figures presented below are counts for individuals. The numbers are totals for: sheltered, unsheltered, in emergency housing and in transitional housing. The Suffolk County figures cannot be isolated from the whole so for the purposes of this report we will discuss Long Island's homeless population in its entirety.

The total number reported is 3,205 homeless persons in households both with and without children. Additionally, within this count is 5 households consisting of children only. The chronically homeless subpopulations represent 10% of the overall homeless population and have obstacles to retaining permanent housing such as mental health issues, substance abuse and domestic violence. As well, a significant number of Long Island's homeless subpopulations are veterans and victims of domestic violence.

**Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance for families with children and the families of veterans.**

• Chronically Homeless Persons in Families	256
• Severely Mentally Ill	250
• Chronic Substance Abuse	207
• Veterans	174
• HIV/AIDS	4
• Victims of Domestic Violence	120

It is estimated that 351 Veterans experience homelessness each year and 2,769 households with both children and adults will experience homelessness on Long Island and will be in need of housing assistance.

**Describe the Nature and Extent of Homelessness by Racial and Ethnic Group.**

The two major racial groups that are significantly represented in the homeless numbers are African American and White persons. Of the 2,76 persons experiencing homelessness in the Point in Time Count 1990 were African American and 1960 were White. Ethnicity totals are:

don't know 19

client refused 47

Data not collected 3

Hispanic/Latino 843

Non-Hispanic/Latino 3,459

**Describe the Nature and Extent of Unsheltered and Sheltered Homelessness.**

Suffolk County is committed to sheltering its homeless population. The Point in Time Count has identified 105 unsheltered persons and 2,288 who are sheltered. Those unsheltered consist of adult only households, 19% of whom are chronically homeless, while the sheltered population consists of 154 chronically homeless families and 99 chronically homeless individuals.

**Discussion:**

Numbers reported above are from the 2014 Point in time count from CoC group NY-603 The total number reported is 3,205 homeless persons in households both with and without children. Additionally, within this count is 5 households consisting of children only. The chronically homeless subpopulations represent 10% of the overall homeless population and have obstacles to retaining permanent housing such as mental health issues, substance abuse and domestic violence. As well, a

## ***NA-45 Non-Homeless Special Needs Assessment - 91.405, 91.205 (b,d)***

### **Introduction**

Estimating the needs of special populations can be challenging as specific data for each need group is not readily available. Even when data is available on the number of persons with a special need, it can be difficult to determine how many of them are underserved through existing housing and services, and how many of them will need services in the future.

HUD requires that this Plan describe the needs of the following populations:

- elderly,
- frail elderly,
- persons with disabilities,
- persons with alcohol or substance abuse and
- victims of domestic violence.

### **Describe the characteristics of special needs populations in your community:**

Within Suffolk County there are households which are threatened with homelessness and are considered “at-risk”. Factors contributing to this problem include an increase in the number of foreclosed homes, excessive housing cost burden, overcrowding, substance abuse, mental illness and AIDS. Extremely low income families with incomes of less than 30% of area median, especially those with children, are most at-risk. The Consortium has almost 34,000 households earning 30% or less, of the area median income. There are 9,358 renter households within that category spending over 50% of their income on housing costs. When the remaining low/moderate population (up to 80% AMI) is considered the number increases to 14,829 for renters and 35,528 for owners. Aside from the “special needs” population, the non-homeless cost burdened population is also at risk of homelessness.

Various special needs populations are in need of housing and/or supportive housing services in the Consortium. Provided below in the "discussion" area is additional characteristics for each of these populations:

### **What are the housing and supportive service needs of these populations and how are these needs determined?**

Supportive service needs include: employment training, mental health services, food pantries, rental assistance, DV counseling, addiction counseling, senior services, transportation services, home improvement/maintenance assistance. Needs are determined through consultation and ongoing dialogue with providers through participation in the Continuum of Care monthly meetings, feedback from consortium municipalities, input from the County’s Department of Health, and other service providers.

### ***Supportive Services and Facilities***

Special needs populations in Suffolk County are assisted through a comprehensive and coordinated approach that utilizes the expertise and facilities of various County departments and an extensive non-profit provider network. The network of County agencies and non-profit providers has resulted in an effective delivery system for the provision of supportive services to the non-homeless special needs population.

County agency's directly involved with special needs population include:

- Department of Health -Office of Mental Hygiene
- Department of Social Services
- Office of the Aging
- Office of Handicapped Services
- Department of Labor
- Office of Community Development

Suffolk County Department of Health has established Mental Health Service Centers in three locations and the Department of Social Services has five social service centers to assist the homeless or near homeless with housing and supportive services. Community groups and the County police are also aware of these centers and can make referrals for those in need. The County also assists the unemployed, the elderly and those physically disabled by providing appropriated referral services to those in need. Additionally, several Consortium municipalities have departments that provide assistance and referrals to the elderly and disabled.

Within Suffolk County, non-profit agencies play an extremely important role in providing supportive services to the special needs population. The types of assistance provided by these agencies include: housing, counseling, rental assistance, legal advocacy, crisis intervention, psychological services, medical counseling, employment readiness skills, occupational therapy, transportation, meals, and both child and adult protective services.

### **Discuss the size and characteristics of the population with HIV/AIDS and their families within the Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area:**

HIV/AIDS Population Data available as of April 2014 from the New York State Department of Health indicates that there were 110, 102 and 76 newly diagnosed cases of HIV in 2010, 2011 and 2012 respectively.

The Long Island region (Nassau and Suffolk Counties) has the 2nd highest number of cumulative cases of AIDS among all suburban metropolitan statistical areas nationwide behind Westchester County.

The Continuum of Care members provide medical management and case management services to this population through the use of annual HUD funding that is designated for this group of housing consumers. Additionally the ESG grant serves all homeless individuals and families regardless of HIV/AIDS status but does not specifically target or track this population.

### **Elderly and Frail Elderly**

Elderly is defined as age 62 or older while “frail” is defined as needing assistance with 3 or more daily living activities such as bathing, walking and performing light housework.

- 107,542 households contain at least one person age 62 and older representing 34% of all consortium households (see tables 5,6)
- 57% of the over 65 population are female;
- Approximately 40,000 of consortium households have one or more elderly **over** 75 years of age
- 15,424 or 14% of elderly renter and owner households have incomes below 50% of median and are spending greater than 50% of their income on housing costs.
- In the next 10 – 15 years, there will be a significant increase in the elderly and frail elderly population as the baby boomer population ages
- There is also an increasingly frail elderly population housed in Section 202 Elderly Rental housing that was built in the last 10 – 20 years;

With these projected increases in the elderly population, there will be an increased need for affordable housing, assisted living facilities, medical services, health care and transportation;

### **Disabled Persons**

The 2013 Census Bureau American Communities Survey (ACS) identified a total disabled and non-institutionalized population for the County of Suffolk at 139,172 persons, or 9% of Suffolk County’s population of 1,483,614.

For this section we will utilize the ACS report and we will assume that the consortium figures will mirror those of the County overall.

- There are 30,853 persons over the age of 5 experiencing self-care difficulties.
- There are 50,398 persons over the age of 18 with an independent living difficulty.
- There are 75,547 persons over the age of 5 with an ambulatory difficulty.

## **Mentally Disabled**

- The New York State Office of Mental Health, from their 2013 Program Category Status (PCS) Survey, reports that there are approximately 15,151 persons who are suffering from mental disabilities overall in Suffolk County
- The New York State Office of Mental Health estimates that of the overall figure above, there are 9,307 persons who are either severely mentally ill or seriously emotionally disturbed in Suffolk County.
- Suffolk County's Office of Community Mental Hygiene Services provides case management services to the mentally disabled and also operates 3 mental health clinics.

## **Drug and Alcohol Abusers**

The New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) provided estimates from the 2010 - 2012 National Survey on Drug Use and Health from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Figures are for the Long Island region:

- there are approximately 212,200 persons suffering from drug and alcohol abuse
- 7% of the Youth population, ages 12-17, is experiencing chemical or alcohol dependence or abuse.
- 20% of the Young Adult population, ages 18 - 25, is experiencing chemical or alcohol dependence or abuse.
- 6% of the Adult population, ages 26 and older, is experiencing chemical or alcohol dependence or abuse.

## **Victims of Domestic Violence**

Domestic violence statistics are not as readily available as census data or homeless data due to the privacy needs of victims of domestic violence. Agencies providing support to victims of domestic violence are prohibited from entering personal data into the County's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). As such, it can be more difficult to get a full picture of the nature and extent of domestic violence.

## ***NA-50 Non-Housing Community Development Needs - 91.415, 91.215 (f)***

### **Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Facilities:**

Public facilities are typically: Parks, playgrounds, public housing, community centers, senior centers, childcare centers, youth centers, public restrooms, facilities for special needs populations, Town and Village Halls or Municipal buildings. In the CDBG program, these terms are broadly interpreted to include all improvements and facilities that are either publicly owned, or owned by a nonprofit, and operated so as to be open to the general public. Public facilities meet the National Objective of fulfilling an area benefit. All persons within a given jurisdiction will have access to public facilities thereby enhancing quality of life.

### **How were these needs determined?**

Public facility needs are determined with input from the public, community development officials and other municipal officials at the public hearings. Input was also solicited from the Suffolk County Economic Development and Planning Department, Suffolk County Office of Minority Affairs, Suffolk County Office of the Aging, Suffolk County Labor Department, and Suffolk County Department of Health as well as various nonprofits, housing providers, fair housing agencies and community stakeholders.

### **Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Improvements:**

Public Improvements needs are applied to public facilities. Improvements include; handicapped accessibility enhancements, sidewalks and crosswalks, curb cuts, public drinking water and waste water connections, drainage improvements, parking facilities, downtown revitalization efforts including tree planting, seating, lighting and security improvements.

While there are certainly facility needs in the Consortium municipalities, there is also agreement that "public improvements" as outlined above were numerous and would also be included in the Consolidated Plan.

### **How were these needs determined?**

Public Improvement needs are determined by the same method as outlined above for Public Facilities.

### **Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Services:**

Public service needs are described as: Homeless programs, AIDS programs, Senior services, Youth services, Childcare services, substance abuse services, legal services, housing counseling, food pantries, soup kitchens, transportation services, domestic violence services, health services, employment training, and crime awareness/prevention counseling.

**How were these needs determined?**

Public Service needs are determined by the same method as outlined above for Public Facilities and Public Improvements. Each municipality within the Suffolk County Consortium develops their projects and activities geared toward their own municipal needs assessment. The County, in turn, allocates the projects into public facilities, public improvement and public service areas and determines the appropriate level of funding based on prior program years spending and performance outcomes.

# Housing Market Analysis

## ***MA-05 Overview***

### **Housing Market Analysis Overview:**

This section of the Consolidated Plan will present an overview of the significant characteristics of the Suffolk County Housing Market. The topics addressed include:

- Number of Housing Units
- Cost of Housing
- Condition of Housing
- Public and Assisted Housing
- Homeless Facilities
- Special Needs Facilities and Services
- Barriers to Affordable Housing
- Non-Housing Community Development Assets
- Needs and Market Analysis Discussion

The most common housing type throughout Suffolk County is the owner-occupied, single family detached home. Countywide, 82% of units are single-family detached and there is a high rate of owner occupancy at 82%. The remaining 18% of the housing stock is rental housing.

The County has been impacted by the recent housing crisis. Median sale prices have declined from their peak in 2007. Many recent purchases are now described as “under water” or “upside-down”, where the value of the home exceeds the mortgage balance. Amongst these under water, foreclosures and abandoned properties homes may be at affordable levels for those wishing to purchase, although high down payment and credit standards are barriers to purchasing. In addition, access through lending institutions in order to acquire these foreclosed properties is difficult. In response, Suffolk County has established the Suffolk County Land Bank which will work with the NYS Attorney General’s office to acquire, rehabilitate and sell designated foreclosed homes in Suffolk County. High taxes and utility costs also contribute significantly to affordability of housing in Suffolk County.

Rents, on the other hand, have continued to increase. As people are less interested in purchasing a home, less able to purchase, or want to downsize, this puts increased pressure on the rental market. Demographics and national research suggests that this trend will continue and the demand for rental housing will increase.

These factors have contributed to housing cost burden to both renters and owners in all income categories. The Housing Needs Summary Table shows the numbers to be significant in the 30 - 80% AMI categories of owners and renters who are paying greater than 30% and greater than 50% of their income on housing costs. This continues to be a challenge for the Consortium and the County. We

continue to address the high cost of housing with a variety of approaches toward affordability and strategies to combat barriers to that goal.

## ***MA-10 Housing Market Analysis: Number of Housing Units - 91.410, 91.210(a)&(b)(2)***

### **Introduction**

The following section describes the number, type, tenure and size of housing in the County Consortium.

### **All residential properties by number of units**

Property Type	Number	%
1-unit detached structure	307,826	82%
1-unit, attached structure	17,844	5%
2-4 units	17,818	5%
5-19 units	18,979	5%
20 or more units	9,039	2%
Mobile Home, boat, RV, van, etc	3,856	1%
<i>Total</i>	<i>375,362</i>	<i>100%</i>

Table 27 – Residential Properties by Unit Number

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

### **Unit Size by Tenure**

	Owners		Renters	
	Number	%	Number	%
No bedroom	273	0%	1,970	3%
1 bedroom	6,774	3%	17,143	30%
2 bedrooms	34,760	13%	18,159	32%
3 or more bedrooms	221,073	84%	19,483	34%

	Owners		Renters	
	Number	%	Number	%
<i>Total</i>	262,880	100%	56,755	99%

Table 28 – Unit Size by Tenure

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

**Describe the number and targeting (income level/type of family served) of units assisted with federal, state, and local programs.**

The Suffolk County Consortium’s CDBG and HOME programs will continue to target both owners and renters with household incomes of up to 80% of Area Median Income in all types of housing. In accordance with the County’s Comprehensive Master Plan 2035 the County has identified a priority need for more affordable rentals due to projected demographic changes and economic needs. The current rental housing supply is inadequate to meet the expected demand. Overall, while single-family homes continue to be built at a faster pace than multi-family housing in Suffolk County, the demand and necessity for multi-family housing has grown dramatically. However, between 2000 and 2006-2010, around 35% of new housing units were multi-family homes; therefore, it seems the shift from building single-family housing units to building new multi-family units has begun.<sup>1</sup> The County will encourage this trend by additionally targeting multi-family housing units and rental units with HOME funds and other County resources.

[1] Suffolk County Comprehensive Plan 2035

**Provide an assessment of units expected to be lost from the affordable housing inventory for any reason, such as expiration of Section 8 contracts.**

Suffolk County does not anticipate losing any affordable housing inventory.

**Does the availability of housing units meet the needs of the population?**

In 2010, Suffolk County’s housing stock was heavily dominated by owner-occupied units (79 percent of units as reported in the 2010 Consolidated Plan). Combined with the low vacancy rate for rental housing on Long Island (6 percent based on 2007-2011 ACS data), this condition makes it challenging for many renters to find housing.[2] And while demand for multi-family rental housing is recognized by communities and developers, overall inventory and development activity of these types of units is still low. As discussed above, the private sector is beginning to fill the gap; however the County needs additional rental units.

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<sup>1</sup> Suffolk County Comprehensive Plan 2035

[2] Source: Information from [www.newsday.com](http://www.newsday.com) (accessed, September 15, 2014.)

### **Describe the need for specific types of housing:**

Demographic changes occurring within Suffolk County over the past two decades have created a new housing demand profile that includes a higher proportion of smaller, multi-family units, a higher proportion of rental units, and more units that are priced at levels that are affordable to households earning under \$75,000 annually.[3]

[3]*Suffolk County Comprehensive Plan 2035*

### **Discussion**

While areas that can accommodate denser housing exist, particularly in downtown areas and in the growth center sites throughout the County, development of multi-family housing is not meeting demand. The lack of such development can be traced in part to constraints from existing zoning, permitting regulations, and infrastructure, particularly the lack of sewers in Suffolk County — constraints that make it difficult to accommodate more diverse and denser housing options. Technical assistance that informs municipal governments and local residents of the favorable cost/benefit aspects of denser housing as well as financial incentives can foster the implementation of new housing. However, due to the strict ground water management rules and regulations, higher density development in Suffolk County is difficult without the construction of sewers and sanitary flow systems to process the wastewater from denser developments. [4] To the extent possible the HOME program will be utilized to subsidize the development of affordable rental projects, while CDBG funds will assist in maintaining habitability and affordability of existing owner occupied units.

[4]*Suffolk County Comprehensive Plan 2035*

## **MA-15 Housing Market Analysis: Cost of Housing - 91.410, 91.210(a)**

### **Introduction**

The following tables show the cost of both owner and renter housing within the Consortium. These tables use 2007-2011 ACS data from HUD's software. There have been significant changes in housing prices in recent years, beginning in 2008 when housing purchase prices began to fall while rental demand increased as did the rent amounts. The table below compares the base year 2009 to 2011 for both rent and home values. The next table indicates that over 60% of the Suffolk County population pays between 1,000 and 2,000 for rent; over 34,500 households. Predictably, housing affordability increases proportionately with higher income.

### **Cost of Housing**

	<b>Base Year: 2000</b>	<b>Most Recent Year: 2011</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Median Home Value	\$185,200	\$383,400	107%
Median Contract Rent	\$945	\$1,445	53%

Table 29 – Cost of Housing

Data Source: 2000 Census (Base Year), 2007-2011 ACS (Most Recent Year)

<b>Rent Paid</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Less than \$500	7,126	12.6%
\$500-999	8,479	14.9%
\$1,000-1,499	20,262	35.7%
\$1,500-1,999	14,282	25.2%
\$2,000 or more	6,606	11.6%
<i>Total</i>	<i>56,755</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

Table 30 - Rent Paid

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

### Housing Affordability

% Units affordable to Households earning	Renter	Owner
30% HAMFI	3,793	No Data
50% HAMFI	10,314	5,279
80% HAMFI	30,483	17,754
100% HAMFI	No Data	38,888
<i>Total</i>	<i>44,590</i>	<i>61,921</i>

Table 31 – Housing Affordability

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

### Monthly Rent

Monthly Rent (\$)	Efficiency (no bedroom)	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom
Fair Market Rent	1,014	1,285	1,583	2,058	2,370
High HOME Rent	1,033	1,199	1,441	1,656	1,828
Low HOME Rent	941	1,008	1,210	1,397	1,558

Table 32 – Monthly Rent

Data Source: HUD FMR and HOME Rents

### **Is there sufficient housing for households at all income levels?**

As discussed in the previous section, all low/moderate income levels in Suffolk County are challenged to meet the high cost of both renter and owner occupied housing in Suffolk County and across Long Island. Additional affordable housing is needed to meet the need; especially in the rental housing sector.

### **How is affordability of housing likely to change considering changes to home values and/or rents?**

Long Island remains a place with a very small share of rental housing, compared to the other suburbs in the region. While only one out of five occupied housing units is a rental household on Long Island, the ratio in the region's other suburbs is at least one out of three. It is likely that due to the limited supply combined with a low vacancy rate in the rental market, the demand will continue to impact the high rents, driving prices upward. Home prices, while having decreased from historic levels, continue to be high for the low and moderate income populations. In addition, higher taxes and utility charges add to the housing cost burden for the low/moderate income households.

### **How do HOME rents / Fair Market Rent compare to Area Median Rent? How might this impact your strategy to produce or preserve affordable housing?**

In Suffolk County the number of persons paying from \$1,000 - \$2,000 for rent is a full 61% of all renters but does not take into consideration the size of the rental unit. This figure correlates closely to the 27,399 households in the Housing Needs Summary Tables that are paying over 30% and over 50% of their income for rent. The HUD published 2014 Fair Market Rent for a two bedroom apartment is \$1,583 including utilities, while the Area Median Rent is \$1,493 not including utilities. This \$100 difference is not sufficient to pay for utilities, typically not included in overall rent prices. Given the high housing and utility costs within the Consortium, low vacancy rates, and the high numbers of households spending over 30% of income for housing costs, the County will continue to support every effort at expanding affordable rental and homeownership opportunities and providing subsidies through the HOME program to encourage and promote housing initiatives that support those goals.

## **MA-20 Housing Market Analysis: Condition of Housing - 91.410, 91.210(a)**

### **Introduction**

The following section outlines “selected” housing conditions as defined by the Census. These conditions are generally considered identifiers of substandard housing, although the last two conditions on the list relate to the household, not the housing unit. The Census defines a “selected” condition as:

- Lacking complete plumbing facilities
- Lacking complete kitchen facilities
- More than one person per room
- Housing costs greater than 30% of household income

An analysis of each of these items was completed in the Needs Assessment which showed that cost burden was by far the most common condition in the County.

### **Describe the jurisdiction's definition for "substandard condition" and "substandard condition but suitable for rehabilitation":**

The jurisdiction defines substandard conditions by utilizing the identifiers that affect the habitability of dwellings the following conditions either make a housing unit unable to meet housing health and safety codes or acts as a deterrent for housing stability. All conditions below, except for affordability, identify a housing unit as suitable for rehabilitation assuming that it is also owner occupied.

- Lacking complete plumbing facilities
- Lacking complete kitchen facilities
- More than one person per room
- Housing costs greater than 30% of household income

### **Condition of Units**

Condition of Units	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
With one selected Condition	108,056	41%	30,193	53%
With two selected Conditions	1,824	1%	1,917	3%
With three selected Conditions	105	0%	195	0%
With four selected Conditions	0	0%	37	0%
No selected Conditions	152,895	58%	24,413	43%

Condition of Units	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
<i>Total</i>	262,880	100%	56,755	99%

Table 33 - Condition of Units

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

### Year Unit Built

Year Unit Built	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
2000 or later	20,562	8%	6,835	12%
1980-1999	51,364	20%	11,927	21%
1950-1979	156,006	59%	28,009	49%
Before 1950	34,948	13%	9,984	18%
<i>Total</i>	262,880	100%	56,755	100%

Table 34 – Year Unit Built

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

### Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard

Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
Total Number of Units Built Before 1980	190,954	73%	37,993	67%
Housing Units build before 1980 with children present	13,404	5%	3,301	6%

Table 35 – Risk of Lead-Based Paint

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS (Total Units) 2007-2011 CHAS (Units with Children present)

## Vacant Units

	Suitable for Rehabilitation	Not Suitable for Rehabilitation	Total
Vacant Units	0	0	0
Abandoned Vacant Units	0	0	0
REO Properties	0	0	0
Abandoned REO Properties	0	0	0

Table 36 - Vacant Units

Data Source: 2005-2009 CHAS

## Describe the need for owner and rental rehabilitation based on the condition of the jurisdiction's housing.

The consortium's housing stock is aging. 73% and 67% of our owner and renter (respectively) housing is almost 40 years old. These older homes need maintenance and rehabilitation in some cases. In addition, the number of new homes being built has decreased since the 1960's in the consortium. The renter and owner combined total of 228,947 houses were built before 1980. These 34-plus year old homes are at risk of lead paint contamination. The owner portion of these homes represents 73% of our housing inventory.

## Estimate the number of housing units within the jurisdiction that are occupied by low or moderate income families that contain lead-based paint hazards. 91.205(e), 91.405

Pursuant to Table 34, there is a large percentage of housing units built prior to 1978 when lead paint in residential structures was banned. However the significance of the number of homeowners is such that a Home Improvement Program is made available in several of the Consortium municipalities including: Brookhaven, Southampton, Riverhead, Smithtown, and Southold. These programs make lead paint remediation a priority for homeowners who meet the low/mod threshold for program eligibility. As well,

the HOME Program Down Payment Assistance component integrates a lead paint testing and notification process into its homebuyer program.

## **Discussion**

The Suffolk County Consortium is keenly aware of its aging housing stock, aging population, high housing costs, low vacancy rates and cost burdened households. Housing that is affordable and well maintained has become one of the Consortium's primary concerns. Each year both CDBG and HOME programs incorporate down payment assistance and home maintenance assistance into the annual plan. We will continue to utilize these federal funds to help ameliorate affordability issues and assist with maintenance required to sustain our aging housing stock.

## ***MA-25 Public And Assisted Housing - 91.410, 91.210(b)***

### **Introduction**

The municipalities of the Suffolk County Community Development Consortium do not have a federally chartered Public Housing Agency. The only federally chartered public housing is located in the entitlement towns of Islip and Huntington and is reported upon in their respective consolidated plans.

The Consortium does, however, have Section 8 assisted project based housing and several Housing Agencies that administer Section 8 rental subsidy tenant vouchers. Subsidized project based rental opportunities are available throughout Suffolk County, though in general demand far exceeds supply. The list below represents the consortium housing agencies with subsidized rental opportunities housing and/or vouchers:

#### **The Community Development Corporation of Long Island**

2100 Middle Country Road, Suite 300

Centereach, NY 11720-3576

Phone (631) 471-1215

[www.cdcli.org](http://www.cdcli.org)

#### **Brookhaven Housing and Human Services**

1 Independence Hill

Farmingville, NY 11738

(631) 451-6600

#### **East Hampton Housing and Community Development**

159 Pantigo Road

East Hampton, NY 11937

(631) 267-7896

<http://www.town.east-hampton.ny.us/>

#### **Patchogue Community Development Agency**

14 Baker Street

Patchogue, NY 11772

(631) 473-4300

**Riverhead Housing Development Corporation**

542 East Main Street  
 Riverhead, NY 11901  
 (631) 722-8701

**Town of Smithtown (through Community Development Corp. of L.I.)**

P.O. Box 575  
 Smithtown, NY 11787  
 (631) 471-1215

**North Fork Housing Alliance**

116 South Street  
 Greenport, NY 11944  
 (631) 477-1070

**Town of Southampton Community Development**

116 Hampton Road  
 Southampton, NY 11968  
 (631) 287-5747  
<http://www.town.southampton.ny.us/>

**Totals Number of Units**

Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers				
				Total	Project -based	Tenant -based	Special Purpose Voucher	
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program Disabled *

Program Type									
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project -based	Tenant -based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
# of units vouchers available				990			0	0	0
# of accessible units									
*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition									

Table 37 – Total Number of Units by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

**Describe the supply of public housing developments:**

Not applicable, the jurisdiction does not have any public housing.

**Describe the number and physical condition of public housing units in the jurisdiction, including those that are participating in an approved Public Housing Agency Plan:**

Not applicable, the jurisdiction does not have any public housing.

## Public Housing Condition

Public Housing Development	Average Inspection Score
n/a	

Table 38 - Public Housing Condition

Describe the restoration and revitalization needs of public housing units in the jurisdiction:

Not applicable, the jurisdiction does not have any public housing.

Describe the public housing agency's strategy for improving the living environment of low- and moderate-income families residing in public housing:

Not applicable, the jurisdiction does not have any public housing.

## MA-30 Homeless Facilities and Services - 91.410, 91.210(c)

### Introduction

This section summarized the homeless facilities and services. It was completed with data from HUD and the Continuum of Care (CoC).

### Facilities Targeted to Homeless Persons

	Emergency Shelter Beds		Transitional Housing Beds	Permanent Supportive Housing Beds	
	Year Round Beds (Current & New)	Voucher / Seasonal / Overflow Beds	Current & New	Current & New	Under Development
Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	1,877	0	335	1,245	0
Households with Only Adults	434	0	224	876	0
Chronically Homeless Households	0	0	0	105	0
Veterans	67	0	98	451	0
Unaccompanied Youth	12	0	10	0	0

Table 39 - Facilities Targeted to Homeless Persons

Alternate Data Source Name:

HUD 2014 CoC Homeless Assist. Programs PIT Count

Data Source Comments: Youth, Veteran and Chronically Homeless bed counts are a sub-set of the Total. Permanent Year Round Beds (current and new) Total = 2877.

**Describe mainstream services, such as health, mental health, and employment services to the extent those services are used to complement services targeted to homeless persons**

There continues to be a need for the provision of community services for low and moderate income families and individuals. At the CDBG public hearings, citizens requested counseling and services directed at populations including: seniors, youth, children, the unemployed, and those suffering from mental health issues, substance abuse and the homeless. The County of Suffolk staffs and maintains three health clinics which provide both physical and mental health services. The Suffolk County Department of Labor provides employment services. These services complement other services targeted to homeless persons. In addition the Long Island Continuum of Care has an extensive list of resources for homeless persons, who also provide the above mentioned services as well as others which are specifically targeted to the homeless population. Referrals are obtained through case management and collaboration with member nonprofits.

The focus of case managers who work with the homeless is to connect them to mainstream resources and services including such as health, mental health and employment services to help them move toward self-sufficiency. All case managers complete a client assessment at intake to determine eligibility for mainstream resources and services. They then work with the client to develop individualized plans with specific action steps, including how to apply for and access benefits and programs. Case managers follow up with clients to insure they follow the steps outlined in their plan and assist them if they encounter difficulties accessing programs. Action plans are updated continually.

**List and describe services and facilities that meet the needs of homeless persons, particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth. If the services and facilities are listed on screen SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure or screen MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services, describe how these facilities and services specifically address the needs of these populations.**

Suffolk County's Department of Social Services (DSS) has primary responsibility for the homeless population. DSS works in partnership with private nonprofit homeless providers to deliver services to the homeless.

Within Suffolk County there is a well-defined Continuum of Care system in place that:

- helps low income families avoid becoming homeless
- reaches out to homeless persons and assesses housing needs: emergency, transitional or permanent housing
- helps homeless persons make the transition to permanent housing and independent living by providing necessary supportive services

The County and the CoC share HUD's vision of ending chronic homelessness and by working together they have developed a Chronic Homeless Strategic Plan. The strategies include: prevention, outreach,

assessment, emergency and supportive services, and transitional and permanent supportive housing. This continuum emphasizes several primary goals: to move chronically homeless persons into permanent housing by increasing outreach efforts and providing assistance in accessing mainstream resources; increasing the amount of affordable housing stock; increasing opportunities for self-sufficiency; preventing future episodes of homelessness; and increasing accessibility to the CoC system.

Components in Suffolk's strategy to end chronic homelessness include:

**1) Increase the supply of permanent supportive housing for people with mental illness and substance abuse by:**

- Supporting nonprofits in their applications for federal and state funding;
- Identifying County owned land for development of permanent supportive housing;
- Providing access to the County's Housing Opportunities Program to assist in acquiring housing sites;
- Having shelter residents apply for Section 8 vouchers as wait lists open;
- Prioritizing HUD's homeless funding for programs that address chronic homelessness.

**2) Increase and prioritize access to existing permanent housing and services by:**

- Improving coordination between Shelter providers, Mental Health and Substance Abuse providers
- Using Single Point of Access (SPA) clearing house and Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) to get people the services they need that will lead them to permanent housing.
- Increasing outreach methods and activities to ensure that chronically homeless persons are enrolled in mainstream programs and can access all resources to which they are entitled.
- Expanding participation in the region's HMIS system in order to more readily access information regarding program openings, referrals, etc.

**3) Preventing homelessness by supporting the development of generic affordable housing through inclusive and incentive zoning, public awareness, education and technical assistance.**

- Utilize the HMIS system that enables tracking of information related to the causes and persistence of homelessness and address underlying causations.
- Assist with repairing damages, payment of rental arrears, advocacy and other strategies.
- Coordinate the various government agencies and nonprofits in a manner that allows for a system wide focus that is comprehensive, cooperative and effective.

**4) Increase Use of and Participation in CoC HMIS System by:**

- continuing to report homeless demographics for the region,
- including frequency and length of homelessness;
- continuing annual Point in Time Counts determining where unsheltered homeless reside and what services they need

- facilitating dissemination of information between providers in order to simplify referrals and expedite access to housing and services
- providing real-time information regarding openings and vacancies in the CoC system in order to match services with needs

**5) Implement a program through the transfer and rehabilitation of County owned property for purposes of housing the homeless, particularly homeless veterans.**



## ***MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services - 91.410, 91.210(d)***

### **Introduction**

Various non-homeless special needs populations are in need of housing and/or supportive housing services in the Consortia. Provided below is a discussion on each of these subpopulations applicable to the Suffolk County Consortium's population:

- Seniors
- Disabled
- HIV / AIDS

**Including the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities (mental, physical, developmental), persons with alcohol or other drug addictions, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, public housing residents and any other categories the jurisdiction may specify, and describe their supportive housing needs**

### **SENIORS**

As documented in Table 6 in the NA-10 Housing Needs Assessment section, 107,542 households contain seniors, defined as 62 and older. This figure represents 34% of the Consortium's population (2007-2011 CHAS) and 47% of those seniors fall within the low and moderate income limits. While often times seniors struggle to meet their housing expenses it is frequently preferable to stay in their current housing than to seek out more affordable options that may not exist or have long wait times, such as senior housing or assisted housing. Many elderly prefer to remain in their current housing which in many cases is mortgage free and the most affordable option. However, many seniors face mobility issues that may impact their ability to age in place. The County's Office of the Aging provides case management services that make referrals for health care, rental housing, social services, rent subsidies, financial management and assisted housing for our senior population.

### **DISABLED**

The 2013 Census Bureau American Communities Survey (ACS) identified a total disabled and non-institutionalized population for the County of Suffolk at 139,172 persons, or 9% of Suffolk County's population of 1,483,614. For this section we will utilize the ACS report and we will assume that the consortium figures will mirror those of the county overall.

- There are 30,853 persons over the age of 5 experiencing self-care difficulties.
- There are 50,398 persons over the age of 18 with an independent living difficulty.
- There are 75,547 persons over the age of 5 with an ambulatory difficulty.

Supportive housing needs include:

- Accessible units
- Affordable units
- In home health care services
- Care giver support services
- Housing Counseling

## **HIV/AIDS**

Data available as of April 2014 from the New York State Department of Health indicates that there were 110, 102 and 76 newly diagnosed cases of HIV in 2010, 2011 and 2012 respectively.

The Long Island region (Nassau and Suffolk Counties) has the 2nd highest number of cumulative cases of AIDS among all suburban metropolitan statistical areas nationwide behind Westchester.

### Supportive housing needs include:

- Health care services
- Counseling services
- Affordable units
- Accessible units

## **Describe programs for ensuring that persons returning from mental and physical health institutions receive appropriate supportive housing**

New York State currently has a discharge policy in place to ensure that persons residing within their institutions (including but not limited to prisons and hospitals) are not discharged to homelessness. Persons discharged from State institutions must have appropriate housing as part of their discharge plan. In Suffolk, the CoC and its members work with local governments to implement similar policies. The CoC and its members have been successful in working with local institutions to prevent homelessness after discharge.

The Long Island CoC, as part of its Ten Year Plan to end chronic homelessness, is taking a “systems prevention” approach in looking at what can be done to prevent institutions from discharging people to homelessness. Much has been done in the mental health system to address this issue. A single point of access (SPA) for all mental health residential beds has been developed and implemented, making it easier for discharge planners to access housing for their clients. SPA staff presents at hospitals on the types of housing available and how to refer clients for placement.

As with other parts of the country, the corrections system can play a large role in contributing to the numbers of homeless persons. Inmates discharged with little or no assistance in accessing housing are very likely to become homeless. Efforts are being made to involve probation and correction administrators in the planning process. The CoC has worked successfully with county officials to hold the corrections system more accountable for what happens after inmates are released.

The corrections system in our region is developing protocols to secure appropriate housing and placements for disabled prisoners upon their release. Additionally in 2008 the NYS Division of Parole - Reentry Services Division established a protocol for assessing and referring parolees to services in an effort to prevent relapse and recidivism. Re-Entry services are provided to 12 “task force counties” in New York, Suffolk County being one of them.

The Suffolk County Department of Social Services provides foster care in our region. They provide discharge plans and work with foster families and youth that are 18 and aging out of the foster care system. Service referrals include but are not limited to educational and vocational assistance. These services target activities that will enable this foster care population to be able to live independently.

All hospital social workers develop discharge plans for their patients who are homeless, including referrals to a wide variety of programs including but not limited to senior housing, nursing and adult home facilities, home health care, nutrition programs, food banks, etc. Patients are not generally discharged unless housing placement and needed services have been secured.

All hospitals receiving government funding for their inpatient mental health beds are required by the NYS Office of Mental Health to have social workers who assist in placing patients who are ready for discharge. All community mental health housing providers within our region participate in our region’s Single Point of Access (SPA), referral system. The SPA acts as a clearinghouse for all beds within the region’s mental health housing programs. Hospital social workers make referrals on behalf of patients to the SPA for appropriate placements within the community. The SPA system, in turn, has housing resources available through the Long Island Continuum of Care. Patients are not discharged unless an appropriate placement is secured.

**Specify the activities that the jurisdiction plans to undertake during the next year to address the housing and supportive services needs identified in accordance with 91.215(e) with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. Link to one-year goals. 91.315(e)**

Please see activities discussed in the next section

**For entitlement/consortia grantees: Specify the activities that the jurisdiction plans to undertake during the next year to address the housing and supportive services needs identified in accordance with 91.215(e) with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. Link to one-year goals. (91.220(2))**

The Suffolk County Consortium and its participating municipalities works closely with the Long Island Continuum of Care (COC) in developing and implementing goals and strategies related to emergency housing, transitional housing and permanent housing including appropriate supportive services for homeless persons. This also includes goals for homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing. Primary goals include reducing the number of homeless persons, both through prevention activities and rehousing activities. A primary objective is the creation of (and increasing access to) permanent, affordable housing and permanent supportive housing for disabled persons. This includes actual bricks-and-mortar development (through capital funding via CoC or other funding sources) and the creation of rental subsidy or rental assistance programs (funded through ESG, COC, SSVF, VASH). Additional strategies include job training and placement, entitlements and benefits assistance, short-term rental or security assistance and increasing access to mainstream resources to make housing more accessible and affordable. ESG, COC, SSVF and VASH (Case Management) funds are used, as appropriate, for these and other activities and services to end homelessness for homeless Long Islanders, and to increase housing stability for those who are at risk of homelessness.

## ***MA-40 Barriers to Affordable Housing - 91.410, 91.210(e)***

### **Describe any negative effects of public policies on affordable housing and residential investment**

A number of state and local public policies, embodied in ordinances, statutes, regulations and procedures affect the ability to create and maintain affordable housing. The most significant policies affecting the Suffolk County Consortium include the following:

#### **New York State Health Department Regulations**

Since all of the County's drinking water is derived from underground aquifers, all new developments must adhere to strict requirements for groundwater protection. In an effort to address groundwater concerns permitted densities are restricted throughout the County, contributing to increased land development costs. Additionally, most of the municipalities in the Consortia do not have sewers, resulting in the additional cost of providing a waste treatment facility for higher density housing developments.

#### **State Building Codes**

State Building Codes require the installation of elevators for multi-family buildings exceeding two stories in height. This adds to the cost of development, affecting the development of affordable rentals.

#### **Zoning Policy**

In most locations throughout the consortium, the zoning maps reflect established densities and land uses. Applications for higher density development that require zoning changes must evaluate area-wide planning and environmental factors, as prescribed by New York State law. This can expose a housing proposal to opposition from community residents, reflecting long entrenched community attitudes against higher density housing in general, and non-age restricted rental housing in particular.

#### **Intergovernmental Requirements**

The development process for housing includes two, and in some cases three and four levels of government (local, county, state and Federal) review, increasing the timeframe for development and thereby increasing costs.

#### **Open Space Preservation**

Suffolk County and its municipalities have one of the most aggressive and successful open space preservation programs in the County. Preservation of land may sometimes be at odds with development agendas, but generally, the residents of Suffolk County recognize the need for open space preservation as well as proper development.

## ***MA-45 Non-Housing Community Development Assets - 91.410, 91.210(f)***

### **Introduction**

The following section outlines the employment, labor force, educational attainment data which informed the priorities in this Plan.

### **Economic Development Market Analysis**

#### **Business Activity**

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers %	Share of Jobs %	Jobs less workers %
Agriculture, Mining, Oil & Gas Extraction	1,754	2,020	1	1	0
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	26,673	23,585	11	12	1
Construction	18,876	14,224	7	7	0
Education and Health Care Services	53,601	45,680	21	23	2
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	18,594	8,237	7	4	-3
Information	7,787	4,668	3	2	-1
Manufacturing	18,954	15,806	7	8	1
Other Services	12,139	9,037	5	5	0
Professional, Scientific, Management Services	26,918	18,546	11	9	-2
Public Administration	2	7	0	0	0
Retail Trade	41,176	39,076	16	20	4
Transportation and Warehousing	9,097	5,399	4	3	-1
Wholesale Trade	17,526	12,031	7	6	-1
Total	253,097	198,316	--	--	--

Table 40 - Business Activity

Data 2007-2011 ACS (Workers), 2011 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (Jobs)  
Source:

### Labor Force

Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force	375,967
Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	353,716
Unemployment Rate	5.92
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	15.33
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	3.79

Table 41 - Labor Force

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

Occupations by Sector	Number of People
Management, business and financial	85,854
Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations	13,584
Service	30,385
Sales and office	93,801
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair	35,187
Production, transportation and material moving	17,897

Table 42 – Occupations by Sector

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

## Travel Time

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
< 30 Minutes	192,317	58%
30-59 Minutes	94,345	28%
60 or More Minutes	47,273	14%
<i>Total</i>	<i>333,935</i>	<i>100%</i>

Table 43 - Travel Time

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

## Education:

### Educational Attainment by Employment Status (Population 16 and Older)

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force		Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	
Less than high school graduate	14,744	1,933	10,217
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	78,881	4,694	27,296
Some college or Associate's degree	88,719	4,299	21,935
Bachelor's degree or higher	114,012	3,897	20,502

Table 44 - Educational Attainment by Employment Status

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

### Educational Attainment by Age

	Age				
	18–24 yrs	25–34 yrs	35–44 yrs	45–65 yrs	65+ yrs
Less than 9th grade	824	2,471	2,783	4,202	5,783
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	5,552	4,281	4,735	8,422	9,573
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	18,224	19,719	29,444	61,772	39,435
Some college, no degree	25,457	15,243	19,003	40,438	15,443
Associate's degree	4,167	7,884	12,031	20,513	4,890
Bachelor's degree	7,489	18,769	22,499	36,119	10,565
Graduate or professional degree	836	12,734	16,045	32,357	13,562

Table 45 - Educational Attainment by Age

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

### Educational Attainment – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
Less than high school graduate	23,794
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	36,363
Some college or Associate's degree	45,664
Bachelor's degree	62,923
Graduate or professional degree	78,216

Table 46 – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

**Based on the Business Activity table above, what are the major employment sectors within your jurisdiction?**

- Education and Health Care Services
- Retail Trade

**Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:**

The business community of Suffolk County is in need of a trained and educated workforce which in turn necessitates the availability of sustainable affordable housing and improved transportation hubs to foster connectivity between home and workplaces. Increased transportation choices will improve access to jobs and encourage retention of our workforce.

**Describe any major changes that may have an economic impact, such as planned local or regional public or private sector investments or initiatives that have affected or may affect job and business growth opportunities during the planning period. Describe any needs for workforce development, business support or infrastructure these changes may create.**

Suffolk County is implementing an economic development plan known as “Connect Long Island.” Connect Long Island is a comprehensive regional transportation and development plan which seeks to create an innovation economy and sustainable growth by supporting transit oriented development, containing mixed income housing, and building a 21st Century transportation infrastructure that connects these development hubs to our major research facilities, educational institutions, innovation zones and public amenities. The program involves (1) promoting high density mixed use and mixed income development around transit/rail stations, (2) promoting and investing in mass transit services such as accelerating The Long Island Railroad’s Double Track and electrification initiative, (3) creating north-south Bus Rapid Transit connections, (4) connecting our research and educational institutions to development hubs, and (5) creating innovation zones on publicly owned land to allow companies to grow, and connecting those innovation zones to the major development hubs. Several transit oriented development hubs are already underway including Wyandanch Village, Patchogue Village, the Heartland project and the Ronkonkoma Hub project.

**How do the skills and education of the current workforce correspond to employment opportunities in the jurisdiction?**

Long Island has a highly educated workforce. The Economic Development Market Analysis - Business Activity data (Table 40) indicates that of the 296,356 civilian employed persons, 38% have obtained at least a Bachelor’s Degree. Table 40 also illustrates that all categories of jobs indicate a shortage of

workers. There are more workers as compared to the number of available jobs, which correlates to very-low unemployment rates regardless of skills and education. The Business Activity figures also indicate that the majority of jobs listed by business sector may not necessarily require a college education and that the work force for Suffolk County may be over educated for the available jobs. Some persons who find employment may be under employed. These numbers, along with high housing costs, could explain the “brain drain” that we are currently experiencing. Educated workers are leaving Long Island for places that don’t necessarily pay higher wages, but that offer lower costs of living.

**Describe any current workforce training initiatives, including those supported by Workforce Investment Boards, community colleges and other organizations. Describe how these efforts will support the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan.**

The Suffolk County Department of Department of Labor, Licensing and Consumer Affairs promotes the health, safety and economic well-being of both the business community and workforce alike. Quality job training, job development, placement and supportive services are provided for the unemployed, underemployed and public assistance population of Suffolk County.

The Suffolk County One-Stop Employment Center is a cutting-edge endeavor which brings together both employers and job seekers, providing a comprehensive, one-stop approach to job search. The Employment Center, staffed with employment professionals from several private and public entities, functions as a full service human resources facility. The center supplies the job seeking customer with all the tools necessary for a self-directed or staff-assisted job search, and provides employers with facilities and workforce support.

Equipped with state of the art computers, fax machines, phones, and copiers, the Employment Center also maintains job banks and specializes in job clubs, job fairs, employability and computer workshops and focus groups. Employment Center visitors are able to accomplish many tasks, whether to create and edit their resume or navigate the Internet for their job search. Employers may interview prospective employees on-site.

The Suffolk County Workforce Investment Board and NYS ACCES/VR have joined together to assist people with disabilities to access One-Stop Employment Center resources and services. Information and referral to community organizations may be provided. A Disability Resource Coordinator is on-site.

In cooperation with Suffolk County Community College, enrollment in high-school equivalency diploma and English as a Second Language classes is available.

The efforts and programs are designed to assist with implementing the Comprehensive Plan’s goals of economic sustainability and assistance to low/moderate populations.

**Does your jurisdiction participate in a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)? If so, what economic development initiatives are you undertaking that may be coordinated with the Consolidated Plan? If not, describe other local/regional plans or initiatives that impact economic growth.**

Yes; the goals of the Long Island Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy are stated as the following:

- The formulation and implementation of projects that create higher-skill, higher-wage jobs and raises income levels
- Diversify and strengthen the economy of Long Island to better compete in the regional and global marketplaces
- Promote collaboration within the private sector and foster partnerships between private businesses and government
- Invest in economically distressed and underserved communities
- Improve the quality of life for all citizens of Long Island, through environmentally-responsible initiatives

In furthering the goals, several projects are identified as of vital significance including several regionally transformative projects involving mixed income housing, retail and commercial aspects together with transportation initiatives that seek to connect downtown and transit oriented developments with education, research, commercial and community centers. These initiatives are coordinated with and supported by the Consolidated Plan through stated goals of housing, public improvements, elimination of blight and community redevelopment.

## ***MA-50 Needs and Market Analysis Discussion***

Are there areas where households with multiple housing problems are concentrated?  
(include a definition of "concentration")

For the purposes of defining concentration we looked at the highest concentrations (72.9%) listed in the CPD maps tool.

### **Low Income**

% of Low Income Households with any of 4 Severe Housing Problems  
(Greater than 72.09 %)

- Amagansett
- Sag Harbor
- Shinnecock Hills
- North Sea
- Rocky Point
- Coram
- Port Jeff Station
- Peconic
- Laurel
- Northville
- Eastport
- East Moriches
- Yaphank
- Shirley

### **Moderate Income**

% of Moderate Income Households with any of 4 Severe Housing Problems  
(Greater than 76.29 %)

- Northville
- East Moriches
- Eastport
- Manorville
- Rocky Point
- Port Jeff Station
- Centereach

**Are there any areas in the jurisdiction where racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")**

We have defined "concentration" as 20% or greater of an area's population.

Within the jurisdiction, the Black / African American population comprises greater than 20% of the population in:

- Gordon Heights (48.8%),
- Northampton (27.5%),
- North Bellport (24.8%),
- and Riverside (24.3%), according to the 2010 U. S. Census.

Within the jurisdiction, the Asian population comprises greater than 20% of the population in:

- Stony Brook University (20.4%).

Within the jurisdiction, the Hispanic population comprises greater than 20% of the population in:

- East Hampton North (38.5%),
- Flanders (37.5%), Springs (36.6%),
- Riverside (30.0%),
- Shinnecock Hills (29.9%),
- Patchogue Village (29.6%),
- North Bellport (29.3%),
- Hampton Bays (28.6%),
- Tuckahoe (26.7%),
- Riverhead (25.3%),
- Gordon Heights (25.0%),
- Mastic (21.8%), and
- North Patchogue (20.6%).

**What are the characteristics of the market in these areas/neighborhoods?**

These areas consist of generally depressed markets. Employment opportunities are limited and those jobs that exist are primarily in the retail trades which historically pay lower wages. Public Transportation choices are currently limited which further limits employment opportunities.

**Are there any community assets in these areas/neighborhoods?**

Some of the neighborhoods listed above are in waterfront or water access communities. This feature could be emphasized when considering community development improvements. However, this same

asset also contributes to environmental concerns and resulting protections which oftentimes limits the ability of local municipalities to develop areas to their fullest potential.

**Are there other strategic opportunities in any of these areas?**

The County is optimistic that the transit oriented approach discussed earlier will assist these communities and the County overall, to achieve its economic goals. The identified neighborhoods benefit from local Home Improvement Programs throughout the consortium as well as code enforcement programs. These census tracts also have public services that include youth counseling, senior mentoring, family services and activities, park improvements and housing counseling opportunities. As well, two (2) HOME programs provides low/moderate income persons in these areas, the opportunity for home ownership and rental assistance through the Down Payment Assistance and Employer Rental Assistance Programs.

# Strategic Plan

## ***SP-05 Overview***

### **Strategic Plan Overview**

The following is the Strategic Plan for the investment of its CDBG and HOME funds from 2015 - 2019. The Consolidated Plan priorities also influence the allocation of ESG grant funds whose programs must also be consistent with the Consolidated Plan. The priorities in this section of The Plan also influence non-federal funds as state, local and private sources look to the priorities in the Plan when developing their plans and making funding decisions.

The priorities are based on the previous needs assessment, market analysis and program eligibility requirements. The County has endeavored to focus priorities on the types of projects and programs that meet HUD program eligibility requirements, have long term impacts on low and moderate income residents, and help address other federal, state and local priorities, such as fair housing choice and sustainability.

The participating CDBG Consortium municipalities target their resources to low and moderate income areas as defined by the census block data. Income data has necessitated that the Consortium target specific neighborhoods and develop local initiatives and revitalization plans. These initiatives include: downtown revitalization, code enforcement programs, public water connections, public parks revitalization, and public infrastructure improvements.

The County attempts to balance the use of HOME resources between HUD priorities - revitalization of existing deteriorated neighborhoods, creation of new affordable housing units and the effort to expand fair housing choice. One goal calls for investment in existing deteriorated urban centers, while the other encourages development outside of low/moderate income areas and neighborhoods in an effort to provide affordable housing opportunities in a wider income variety of communities. With recent cuts to the HOME program it is increasingly difficult to address these competing goals in a meaningful way. The County is expanding its HOME program to include a Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program which will assist with security deposits and rental costs of the low moderate income population.

The priorities outlined in this portion of the Plan are reviewed annually and adjusted as necessary.

## ***SP-10 Geographic Priorities - 91.415, 91.215(a)(1)***

### **Geographic Area**

Table 47 - Geographic Priority Areas

1	Area Name:	GORDON HEIGHTS
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Housing
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	
2	Area Name:	MASTIC
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	

	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Housing
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	
3	Area Name:	MASTIC BEACH
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Housing
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	

	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	
4	Area Name:	NORTH BELLPORT
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Other
	Other Revital Description:	HOUSING COUNSELING
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	
5	Area Name:	PATCHOGUE VILLAGE

	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Commercial
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	
6	Area Name:	RIVERHEAD
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Housing
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	

	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	
7	Area Name:	RIVERSIDE/FLANDERS
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Housing
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	

	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	
8	Area Name:	SHIRLEY TARGET AREA
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Housing
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	
9	Area Name:	OVERALL CONSORTIUM GEOGRAPY
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Other

	Other Revital Description:	General service, housing & improvement activities
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	
10	Area Name:	EAST HAMPTON
	Area Type:	Housing, public service and public improvement projects in this township
	Other Target Area Description:	Housing, public service and public improvement projects in this township
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	

	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	
11	Area Name:	NORTH BELLPORT STRATEGY AREA
	Area Type:	Strategy area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	4/1/1997
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Comprehensive
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	
12	Area Name:	RIVERHEAD-OTHER THAN TARGET AREA

	Area Type:	Housing, public service and public improvement projects outside of the target areas in this township
	Other Target Area Description:	Housing, public service and public improvement projects outside of the target areas in this township
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	
13	Area Name:	SHELTER ISLAND
	Area Type:	Housing, public service and public improvement projects in this township
	Other Target Area Description:	Housing, public service and public improvement projects in this township
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	

	Revital Type:	
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	
14	Area Name:	SHIRLEY, MASTIC, MASTIC BEACH NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AR
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Comprehensive
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	

	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	
15	Area Name:	SMITHTOWN
	Area Type:	Housing, public service and public improvement projects in this township
	Other Target Area Description:	Housing, public service and public improvement projects in this township
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	

16	Area Name:	SOUTHAMPTON
	Area Type:	Housing, public service and public improvement projects in this township
	Other Target Area Description:	Housing, public service and public improvement projects in this township
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?		
17	Area Name:	SOUTHOLD
	Area Type:	Housing, public service and public improvement projects in this township
	Other Target Area Description:	Housing, public service and public improvement projects in this township
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	

	Revital Type:	
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	
18	Area Name:	SUFFOLK COUNTY-ADMIN
	Area Type:	Overall administration for Consortium
	Other Target Area Description:	Overall administration for Consortium
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	

	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	
19	Area Name:	VILLAGE OF BELLPORT
	Area Type:	Housing, public service and public improvement projects in this village
	Other Target Area Description:	Housing, public service and public improvement projects in this village
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	
20	Area Name:	VILLAGE OF LAKE GROVE

	Area Type:	Housing, public service and public improvement projects in this village
	Other Target Area Description:	Housing, public service and public improvement projects in this village
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	
21	Area Name:	VILLAGE OF PATCHOGUE
	Area Type:	Housing, public services and public improvements outside the local target area in this village
	Other Target Area Description:	Housing, public services and public improvements outside the local target area in this village
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	

	Revital Type:	
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	
22	Area Name:	VILLAGE OF PORT JEFFERSON
	Area Type:	Housing, public service and public improvement projects in this village
	Other Target Area Description:	Housing, public service and public improvement projects in this village
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	

	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	
23	Area Name:	VILLAGE OF SAG HARBOR
	Area Type:	Housing, public service and public improvement projects in this village
	Other Target Area Description:	Housing, public service and public improvement projects in this village
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	

24	Area Name:	VILLAGE OF SOUTHAMPTON
	Area Type:	Housing, public service and public improvement projects in this village
	Other Target Area Description:	Housing, public service and public improvement projects in this village
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
25	Area Name:	VILLAGE OF WESTHAMPTON BEACH
	Area Type:	Housing, public service and public improvement projects in this village
	Other Target Area Description:	Housing, public service and public improvement projects in this village
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	

	Revital Type:	
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	
26	Area Name:	SUFFOLK COUNTY-admin
	Area Type:	Overall administration of Consortium projects
	Other Target Area Description:	Overall administration of Consortium projects
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	

	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	
27	Area Name:	BROOKHAVEN-OTHER THAN TARGET AREAS
	Area Type:	Housing, public service and public improvement projects outside of the target areas in this township
	Other Target Area Description:	Housing, public service and public improvement projects outside of the target areas in this township
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	

	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	

## General Allocation Priorities

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the state

For the purposes of implementing community development activities in a comprehensive manner, Suffolk County has identified low and moderate income neighborhood census areas for the purposes of implementing Public Service and Public Facilities Projects. These neighborhoods contain within their boundaries a low/moderate uncapped income population (households with income of up to 80% of the area median) of 51% or more. The following communities have been designated as Local Target Areas for the purposes of meeting the National Objective - Low/Mod Area Benefit:

- Gordon Heights
- Mastic
- Mastic Beach
- North Bellport
- Patchogue Village
- Riverhead
- Riverside/Flanders
- Shirley

For the purpose of meeting the National Objective - Limited Clientele, the entirety of the Consortium is a designated "target area" in order to link the National Objective to an area, required by the HUD software. To clarify; some *areas* are targeted due to census tract concentrations of poverty and some *persons* (living within the overall consortium boundaries) are targeted due to household income aside from neighborhood.

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the state

Suffolk County continues to experience very high housing costs. The County has a significant population of persons who are not homeless but at-risk of homelessness. Since 2011 we have seen an increase in: foreclosed homes, excessive housing cost burden, and overcrowding. Extremely low-income families with income of less than 30% of area median, especially those with children, are most at-risk. It is estimated that 4,280 small and large renter families and 4,354 owners within this income category have housing problems, including high cost burden, overcrowding, lack of support network, high transportation costs, and chronic homelessness.

These challenges have contributed to Suffolk's overall allocation priorities. The components of Suffolk's strategy in meeting underserved needs include:

- identifying County owned land for the development of permanent supportive-housing
- supporting non-profits in State and Federal funding applications
- utilizing State and Federal funding in affordable housing development
- assisting first time homebuyers through the down payment assistance program, first time homebuyer education, financial literacy coursework, and coordination of services with non-profits and housing developers
- providing counseling services for at risk households
- coordinating mental health and housing services through a central housing clearing house by fully utilizing our Continuum of Care group
- funding programs that utilize the Single Point of Access (SPA) model to achieve service linkages to special needs populations expanding participation in the region's HMIS system to more readily access homeless beds and services
- preventing homelessness by supporting generic affordable housing models through inclusive zoning, public awareness, education and technical assistance
- preserving existing housing through Home Improvement grants and loans as well as code enforcement programs that encourage the elimination of sub-standard housing
- providing financial assistance to prevent homelessness by paying rental arrearages and providing legal assistance in eviction court
- assisting persons with obtaining safe and affordable rentals through the Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program
- Assisting with acquisition, rehabilitation and down payment for abandoned and foreclosed homes

## SP-25 Priority Needs - 91.415, 91.215(a)(2)

### Priority Needs

Table 48 – Priority Needs Summary

1	Priority Need Name	AFFORDABLE HOUSING
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents
	Geographic Areas Affected	NORTH BELLPORT STRATEGY AREA NORTH BELLPORT MASTIC BEACH GORDON HEIGHTS SHIRLEY TARGET AREA MASTIC RIVERHEAD RIVERSIDE/FLANDERS SHIRLEY, MASTIC, MASTIC BEACH NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AR Housing, public service and public improvement projects outside of the target areas in this township Housing, public service and public improvement projects in this township Housing, public service and public improvement projects in this township
	Associated Goals	HOUSING ADMINISTRATION & FAIR HOUSING

	Description	AFFORDABLE HOUSING: this priority relates to all non-homeless housing throughout the consortium geography. The acquisition, construction and rehabilitation of housing for both owner and renter assisting low and moderate income households. This priority will include rental housing as well, through development and incentives. Finally affordable homeownership down payment assistance programs are included in this priority area as is a new Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program
	Basis for Relative Priority	This is a high priority for the County Consortium due to the historically high cost of housing and it's impact on attracting and maintaining a viable workforce.
2	Priority Need Name	HOMELESSNESS & SPECIAL NEEDS
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Middle Large Families Families with Children Elderly Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth

	Geographic Areas Affected	NORTH BELLPORT STRATEGY AREA NORTH BELLPORT MASTIC BEACH GORDON HEIGHTS PATCHOGUE VILLAGE SHIRLEY TARGET AREA MASTIC RIVERHEAD RIVERSIDE/FLANDERS SHIRLEY, MASTIC, MASTIC BEACH NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AR OVERALL CONSORTIUM GEOGRAPY
	Associated Goals	HOMELESS HOUSING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS & FACILITIES PUBLIC SERVICES ADMINISTRATION & FAIR HOUSING
	Description	HOMELESSNESS & SPECIAL NEEDS are primarily addressed through a referral system to the Long Island Continuum of Care (CoC). The Suffolk County Dept. of Social Services (DSS) and the CoC provides emergency housing through a myriad group of nonprofit members. These member providers either directly or through referrals deliver case management for special needs such as financial assistance, street outreach, mental health assessments and treatment as well as drug and alcohol treatment services.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Affordable housing and homelessness go hand in hand. The Point in Time Count that is prepared each year shows that Suffolk County continues to have homeless persons both sheltered and unsheltered. The 2013 count includes 1,668 households and 2,428 persons.
3	Priority Need Name	NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
	Priority Level	High

	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Middle Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	OVERALL CONSORTIUM GEOGRAPHY
	Associated Goals	PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS & FACILITIES PUBLIC SERVICES ADMINISTRATION & FAIR HOUSING

	Description	NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: includes programs to improve public facilities by making them more handicapped accessible or improving access at parks and playgrounds. In addition this priority includes services to low and moderate income persons, elderly, persons with AIDS, homeless persons, victims of domestic violence and other groups that are "presumed" to benefit from public service activities. These services could include counseling, food pantries, soup kitchens, overnight sheltering and case management referrals. This priority is applicable throughout the entire consortium geography.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Public facilities need to be accessible to all. The consortium members through their public outreach process determine the needs in their communities. Elderly, persons with AIDS, homeless persons, victims of domestic violence and other groups that are "presumed" to benefit from public service activities comprise a large portion of the County's population. We especially see many seniors in need of services due to our aging population.

#### Narrative:

This section builds on the data collected and analyzed in the previous sections. The priorities, objectives and proposed use of funds relate to the needs established and presented in the various tables and charts of the Consolidated Plan.

#### The Strategic Plan incorporates priorities in the following manner:

- Housing
  - Subsidized new construction
  - Rehabilitation of existing units
  - Down payment assistance
  - Tenant based rental assistance
  - Acquisition
- Homelessness and Special Needs
  - Street outreach
  - Emergency shelter
  - Rapid rehousing
  - Prevention
- Non-Housing Community Development - public services and infrastructure
  - Public Improvements
  - Public services
  - Public facilities

In carrying out its Strategic Plan, the Suffolk County Community Development Office has established general priorities for allocating available Federal, State and local resources within its jurisdiction, and

has identified programs it intends to initiate during the next five years, 2015 – 2019. In addition, the County and Consortium will support appropriate applications submitted to HUD by other entities for funding during the five year period.

The projects selected and priorities chosen are based on an analysis of the Consortium's housing needs and market and inventory conditions. The five year strategy describes actions to be taken to address the imbalance between the consortium's current housing and service delivery programs versus the need for additional resources within communities. The identified priorities form the framework of the consortium's five year plan for achieving its strategic housing objectives and non-housing public service/infrastructure needs. These priorities are applied to both the identified Target Areas and the Consortium municipalities as a whole.

### ***SP-30 Influence of Market Conditions - 91.415, 91.215(b)***

#### **Influence of Market Conditions**

<b>Affordable Housing Type</b>	<b>Market Characteristics that will influence the use of funds available for housing type</b>
<b>Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)</b>	The high level of cost burden among many households across all income strata; waiting lists at existing subsidized housing complexes and Section 8 waiting lists; lack of affordable rental options; inability to afford security deposits
<b>TBRA for Non-Homeless Special Needs</b>	The high level of cost burden among many households, including non-homeless/special-needs populations; waiting lists at subsidized housing complexes and Section 8 waiting lists.
<b>New Unit Production</b>	The age of the housing stock. The low vacancy rate in the county; and the waiting lists mentioned above. The increasing senior population and the lack of affordable rental housing.
<b>Rehabilitation</b>	The age of the housing stock. The low vacancy rate in the county; and the waiting lists mentioned above. The increasing senior population.
<b>Acquisition, including preservation</b>	The number of tax delinquent and foreclosed properties

Table 49 – Influence of Market Conditions

## SP-35 Anticipated Resources - 91.420(b), 91.215(a)(4), 91.220(c)(1,2)

### Introduction

Each year, in order to begin the process of allocating funds throughout the Consortium, The Suffolk County Community Development Office begins with the assumption that allocations will be equal to the prior year's allocation. We request that each consortium member submit their requests for project funding based on these annual estimations. When HUD notifies Suffolk County of their actual entitlement funding, we adjust our overall budget and individual projects accordingly. The figures below represent final allocations from HUD for Program Year 2015.

### Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
<b>CDBG</b>	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	<b>2,943,934</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,943,934</b>	<b>0</b>	funds must serve to meet the National Objectives of Urgent Need, Elimination of Slum Blight and/or Low/Mod income benefit

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
<b>HOME</b>	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	<b>1,091,903</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,091,903</b>	0	Funding is allocated to affordable housing production, preservation, & sustainability

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
<b>ESG</b>	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	<b>262,969</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>262,969</b>	0	Homeless Outreach, Prevention, Rapid - rehousing & Shelter operations

Table 50 - Anticipated Resources

**Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied**

Suffolk County has several resources to meet federal match requirements for the HOME and ESG programs. For the HOME Program, the County will utilize surplus property, state grants, County funding, public improvements and waived fees to support affordable housing developments. For the ESG Program, match requirements will be met by cash contributions, DSS subsidies, in-kind services and state grants.

**If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan**

Another source of non-federal funding to meet the Consortium's needs is provided through local resources. Local resources are provided from both Suffolk County and local municipalities. Suffolk County has set aside county funds to acquire property and fund infrastructure improvements for the development of affordable housing. Where feasible, Suffolk County also contributes land in its tax-default inventories for affordable housing. Some consortium municipalities waive building permit, subdivision and landfill tipping fees for affordable housing, all of which represent a great savings in development.

To maximize the development of affordable housing and increase neighborhood revitalization, federal resources will be leveraged with private, state and local resources. For instance, affordable housing will be constructed on County surplus property using bank financing for construction, mortgages and state funds to reduce overall development costs. A typical multi-family affordable housing project could have a three to one leverage ratio of non-federal resources to federal resources.

**Discussion**

Where appropriate, the County will also coordinate resources from Federal, State and local levels to be used to carry out the provision of affordable and supportive housing. The following resources may be available for development activities in Suffolk County.

- Section 108 Loan Guarantee
- Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher
- Shelter Plus Care
- Supportive Housing Program
- Section 202 Senior Rental Housing
- Self-Help Home Ownership Opportunity Program

- NYS Affordable Homeownership Development Program
- NYS Housing Trust Fund
- Low Income Tax Credit
- Homeless Housing Assistance Program
- SONYMA
- Federal Home Loan Bank
- Funding through the NYS Attorney General's office for abandoned and foreclosed properties

## ***SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure - 91.415, 91.215(k)***

**Explain the institutional structure through which the jurisdiction will carry out its consolidated plan including private industry, non-profit organizations, and public institutions.**

Suffolk County delivers programs through its consortium of participating municipalities. In most cases programs have been in place for many years, delivering services and identifying public infrastructure needs. Municipalities have a clearer perspective of what their communities want and need to improve their quality of life and serve the low/moderate income population. After public input is garnered public officials go about, in some cases, updating and modifying current programs and in other cases creating new ones according to HUD eligibility criteria.

The categories for programs are: Housing, Public Service, Public Improvements and Economic Development. Each community according to its needs and capacity deliver programs utilizing their expertise and experience that has been gained over many years.

To produce affordable or supportive housing in Suffolk County requires significant coordination and public/private partnership among many organizations. Most affordable housing projects involve County, Town, non-profit, and private sector participation. Suffolk County supplies the land, the towns and non-profits oversee a project's implementation, financial institutions provide construction and/or mortgage financing, and builders/developers perform the construction. This institutional delivery structure has proven to be extremely productive in developing affordable housing in Suffolk County. During program year 2015, the Consortium plans to continue and hopes to expand this system.

Public Services include but are not limited to: youth counseling, senior services, education, mentoring, food pantry and day care programs. Experienced, trusted nonprofit service organizations tend to provide these various services year after year and have a proven track record. Delivery of these services is consistent and reliable.

Public Improvements are typically carried out by the member municipalities and their employees when practical and by sub-contractors when necessary. These projects might include: parks improvements, handicapped accessibility improvements to public buildings, installation of sidewalk curb cuts, pedestrian improvements and downtown revitalization efforts. This delivery system has proven effective throughout the history of the CDBG Consortium and procurement of goods and services is monitored by the County to ensure HUD compliance.

The member municipalities provide input to the consolidated plan and have a vested interest in the success of the plan. Use of funds is monitored and assistance in delivering projects and programs is available from the County on an as needed basis. Staff is always available for consultation and technical assistance.

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
SUFFOLK COUNTY	Government	Economic Development Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Ownership Planning Public Housing Rental neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Jurisdiction
Town of Brookhaven	Government	Economic Development Non-homeless special needs Ownership Planning neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Jurisdiction
Town of East Hampton	Government	Economic Development Non-homeless special needs Ownership neighborhood improvements public facilities	Jurisdiction

<b>Responsible Entity</b>	<b>Responsible Entity Type</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Geographic Area Served</b>
Town of Riverhead	Government	Economic Development Non-homeless special needs Ownership neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Jurisdiction
Town of Shelter Island	Government	Economic Development Non-homeless special needs Ownership neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Jurisdiction
Town of Smithtown	Government	Economic Development Non-homeless special needs Ownership public facilities public services	Jurisdiction
TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON	Government	Economic Development Non-homeless special needs Ownership neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Jurisdiction

<b>Responsible Entity</b>	<b>Responsible Entity Type</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Geographic Area Served</b>
Town of Southold	Government	Economic Development Non-homeless special needs Ownership neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Jurisdiction
Village of Bellport	Government	Economic Development Non-homeless special needs Ownership neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Jurisdiction
Village of Lake Grove	Government	Economic Development Non-homeless special needs Ownership neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Jurisdiction
Village of Patchogue	Government	Economic Development Non-homeless special needs Ownership neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Jurisdiction

<b>Responsible Entity</b>	<b>Responsible Entity Type</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Geographic Area Served</b>
Village of Port Jefferson	Government	Economic Development Non-homeless special needs Ownership neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Jurisdiction
Village of Sag Harbor	Government	Economic Development Non-homeless special needs Ownership neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Jurisdiction
Village of Southampton	Government	Economic Development Non-homeless special needs Ownership neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Jurisdiction

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
Village of Westhampton Beach	Government	Economic Development Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Ownership neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Jurisdiction
Suffolk County Dept of Social Services	Public institution	Homelessness Non-homeless special needs public facilities public services	Jurisdiction
Long Island Housing Services, Inc.	Non-profit organizations	Non-homeless special needs	Region
BHEP ALLIANCE, INC	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness Ownership Rental	Region
Long Island Housing Partnership, Inc.	Non-profit organizations	Non-homeless special needs Ownership Planning Rental	Region
Long Island Continuum of Care	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness Planning	Region

Table 51 - Institutional Delivery Structure

### Assess of Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System

Suffolk County and its many varied partners have been quite successful in the provision of affordable housing. The County's role as coordinator and financial facilitator of programs and policies has resulted in partnerships with municipalities, non-profit and for-profit organizations that have produced affordable housing for renters, homeowners and the homeless. It is the policy of Suffolk County to

continue and to enhance this coordinated effort by utilizing the ongoing input that our partners provide in the preparation of both the Consolidated Plan and the subsequent annual plans. Input is provided from housing providers, private and public health and service agencies and Consortium municipal administrators and line staff.

Overall, the institutional structure for the delivery of the housing and community development strategy in this Consolidated Plan is in place, well established and operating effectively. The public/private partnerships that have been created provide Suffolk County with a special interrelationship that has enabled the consortium to implement several successful affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization programs. By far, the key to the consortium's success in producing affordable housing, and one of its major strengths, has been its ability to interact with various levels of government, non-profits and the private sector.

### **Availability of services targeted to homeless persons and persons with HIV and mainstream services**

Homelessness Prevention Services	Available in the Community	Targeted to Homeless	Targeted to People with HIV
Homelessness Prevention Services			
Counseling/Advocacy	X		X
Legal Assistance	X	X	X
Mortgage Assistance	X		X
Rental Assistance	X		X
Utilities Assistance	X		X
Street Outreach Services			
Law Enforcement	X	X	
Mobile Clinics		X	
Other Street Outreach Services		X	
Supportive Services			
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	X	X	X
Child Care	X	X	
Education	X	X	

Supportive Services			
Employment and Employment Training	X	X	
Healthcare	X	X	X
HIV/AIDS	X	X	X
Life Skills	X	X	
Mental Health Counseling	X	X	X
Transportation	X	X	X
Other			

Table 52 - Homeless Prevention Services Summary

**Describe how the service delivery system including, but not limited to, the services listed above meet the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth)**

ATTACHMENT 2 provides a summary of the number of beds available for the homeless. The following is a list of the largest facilities and service providers in the County's homeless delivery system. A full list of the facilities can be found by locating Suffolk County CoC's (NY-603) most recent housing inventory at [https://www.hudexchange.info/reports/CoC\\_HIC\\_State\\_NY\\_2014.pdf](https://www.hudexchange.info/reports/CoC_HIC_State_NY_2014.pdf)

**Describe the strengths and gaps of the service delivery system for special needs population and persons experiencing homelessness, including, but not limited to, the services listed above**

While the consortium's delivery system has its strengths, there are several gaps in the system that need improvement. The number of units of rental housing produced is significantly lower than the need identified. In addition, more funding is needed. The County has several nonprofit agencies with the capability to construct affordable and homeless housing. However, most nonprofit agencies have focused on supportive services and not development. The capacity of non-profit agencies needs to be expanded and properly funded so they can undertake larger and more diverse types of development. Another gap in the institutional structure is public education regarding affordable housing. The general public needs to be better informed of the need and impact affordable housing has on the economic well-being of the County.

**Provide a summary of the strategy for overcoming gaps in the institutional structure and service delivery system for carrying out a strategy to address priority needs**

The County of Suffolk is determined to increase the supply of affordable housing for both renters and owners, while also reducing the overall cost of living that makes a high housing cost burden even more pronounced. The 2035 Plan cited earlier identifies several strategies to this end. Some of which are:

- Develop transit oriented multi-unit affordable rental housing at Railroad hubs
- Increase public transportation opportunities by adding a north/south bus corridor
- Enforce “source of income,” a newly protected class against discrimination
- Continue the 72H program operating through tax foreclosed land transfers to nonprofits for affordable housing development
- Explore funding opportunities for sewerage projects with the end goal of greater densities and more affordability
- Support and partner with the Suffolk County Land Bank Corporation to purchase and rehabilitate abandoned and foreclosed properties through funds provided by the NYS Attorney General

## SP-45 Goals - 91.415, 91.215(a)(4)

### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	HOUSING	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	NORTH BELLPORT MASTIC BEACH GORDON HEIGHTS SHIRLEY TARGET AREA MASTIC RIVERHEAD SMITHTOWN SOUTHAMPTON	AFFORDABLE HOUSING	CDBG: \$1,040,820 HOME: \$982,713	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 120 Households Assisted  Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 250 Household Housing Unit  Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 180 Households Assisted  Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 600 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
2	HOMELESS HOUSING	2015	2019	Homeless	OVERALL CONSORTIUM GEOGRAPY	HOMELESSNESS & SPECIAL NEEDS	ESG: \$243,246	<p>Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 60 Households Assisted</p> <p>Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 330 Persons Assisted</p> <p>Homelessness Prevention: 1330 Persons Assisted</p>
3	PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS & FACILITIES	2015	2019	Public Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	OVERALL CONSORTIUM GEOGRAPY	HOMELESSNESS & SPECIAL NEEDS NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	CDBG: \$974,261	<p>Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 237725 Persons Assisted</p>

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	PUBLIC SERVICES	2015	2019	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	NORTH BELLPORT STRATEGY AREA SHIRLEY, MASTIC, MASTIC BEACH NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AR BROOKHAVEN-OTHER THAN TARGET AREAS EAST HAMPTON RIVERHEAD-OTHER THAN TARGET AREA SHELTER ISLAND SMITHTOWN SOUTHAMPTON SOUTHOLD VILLAGE OF BELLPORT VILLAGE OF LAKE GROVE VILLAGE OF PATCHOGUE VILLAGE OF PORT JEFFERSON VILLAGE OF SAG HARBOR VILLAGE OF SOUTHAMPTON VILLAGE OF WESTHAMPTON BEACH SUFFOLK COUNTY- ADMIN OVERALL CONSORTIUM GEOGRAPY	HOMELESSNESS & SPECIAL NEEDS NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	CDBG: \$338,853	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 47545 Persons Assisted

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Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	ADMINISTRATION & FAIR HOUSING	2015	2019	Administrative functions & Fair Housing activities	PATCHOGUE VILLAGE RIVERHEAD RIVERSIDE/FLANDERS BROOKHAVEN-OTHER THAN TARGET AREAS EAST HAMPTON SHELTER ISLAND SMITHTOWN SOUTHAMPTON SOUTHOLD VILLAGE OF BELLPORT VILLAGE OF LAKE GROVE VILLAGE OF PATCHOGUE VILLAGE OF PORT JEFFERSON VILLAGE OF SAG HARBOR VILLAGE OF SOUTHAMPTON VILLAGE OF WESTHAMPTON BEACH SUFFOLK COUNTY-admin SUFFOLK COUNTY-ADMIN OVERALL CONSORTIUM SUFFOLK COUNTY	AFFORDABLE HOUSING HOMELESSNESS & SPECIAL NEEDS NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	CDBG: \$580,000 HOME: \$109,190 ESG: \$19,723	Other: 107195 Other
	Consolidated Plan				Geography		141	

Table 53 – Goals Summary

**Goal Descriptions:**

1	Goal Name	HOUSING
	Goal Description	HOUSING: This broad category encompasses development of both owner and renter housing in the realm of affordability. This will include the Consortium's Home Improvement programs that preserve existing housing as well as the development of affordable units through land banks, transit oriented development, density increases, workforce housing subsidies, Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), down payment assistance and other programs related to removing barriers to affordability. Geographic areas are not limited to the Target Areas identified earlier, but will be comprise the geography of the entire consortium.
2	Goal Name	HOMELESS HOUSING
	Goal Description	HOMELESS HOUSING: This category will include both homeless sheltering and the homeless service component areas as defined by the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). These services focus on: Homeless Prevention, Rapid Rehousing, Shelter Operations and Street Outreach. These activities are primarily carried out through the member organizations of the Continuum of Care and these nonprofits are located throughout Suffolk County and not relegated only to the target areas identified earlier in this report and listed below. The County funds programs that generally serve the Consortium geography.
3	Goal Name	PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS & FACILITIES
	Goal Description	PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS & FACILITIES: This will include improvements to public facilities, that improve handicapped access or remove dangerous conditions. These improvements will be made to public and municipal buildings, parks, playgrounds and public housing. These improvements will be applicable to the entire consortium geography.
4	Goal Name	PUBLIC SERVICES

	Goal Description	PUBLIC SERVICES: Are services that benefit both the homeless and non-homeless populations that meet the low and moderate income criteria across the entire consortium area. These services include but are not limited to case management, housing and financial counseling, mental health counseling, food pantries, soup kitchens, transportation programs, mentoring programs and senior services.
5	Goal Name	ADMINISTRATION & FAIR HOUSING
	Goal Description	ADMINISTRATION & FAIR HOUSING: Includes activities required to carry out the general administration of all grant funding, including CDBG, ESG and HOME. Also as part of this category, the County contracts with the Long Island Housing Services nonprofit for consultation and to monitor fair housing complaints, practices and reporting.

**Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.315(b)(2)**

Providing affordable housing is achieved in a variety of ways. By preserving existing housing stock, developing single family units and multi-unit projects through increased density initiatives and removing other barriers, promoting down payment assistance program participation and utilizing the tax foreclosure property transfer program the County takes a multi-pronged approach to improving and increasing both renter and owner housing. Through both the HOME and CDBG programs we anticipate assisting 280 extremely low, low and moderate income families either retain or obtain affordable housing during the five year period covered by this plan.

***SP-50 Public Housing Accessibility and Involvement - 91.415, 91.215(c)***

**Need to Increase the Number of Accessible Units (if Required by a Section 504 Voluntary Compliance Agreement)**

NOT APPLICABLE the consortium does not contain any public housing.

**Activities to Increase Resident Involvements**

Not applicable

**Is the public housing agency designated as troubled under 24 CFR part 902?**

Not applicable

**Plan to remove the 'troubled' designation**

Not applicable

## ***SP-55 Strategic Plan Barriers to Affordable Housing - 91.415, 91.215(h)***

### **Barriers to Affordable Housing**

A number of state and local public policies, embodied in ordinances, statutes, regulations and procedures affect the ability to create and maintain affordable housing. The most significant policies affecting the Suffolk County Consortium include the following:

#### **New York State Health Department Regulations**

Since all of the County's drinking water is derived from underground aquifers, all new developments must adhere to state requirements for groundwater protection. In an effort to address groundwater concerns, local municipalities have reduced densities on large tracts of land throughout the County, contributing to increased land development costs. Additionally, most of the municipalities in the Consortia do not have sewers, resulting in the additional cost of providing waste treatment facilities for higher density housing developments.

#### **State Building Codes**

State Building Codes require the installation of elevators for multi-family buildings exceeding two stories in height. This adds to the cost of development, affecting the development of affordable rentals.

#### **Zoning Policy**

In most locations throughout the consortium, the zoning maps reflect established densities and land uses. Applications for higher density development that require zoning changes must evaluate area-wide planning and environmental factors, as prescribed by New York State law. This can expose a housing proposal to opposition from community residents, reflecting long entrenched community attitudes against higher density housing in general, and non-age restricted rental housing in particular.

#### **Intergovernmental Requirements**

The development process for housing includes two, and in some cases three and four levels of government (local, county, state and Federal) review, increasing the timeframe for development and thereby increasing costs.

#### **Open Space Preservation**

Suffolk County and its municipalities have one of the most aggressive and successful open space preservation programs in the County. Preservation of land may sometimes be at odds with development agendas but, generally, the residents of Suffolk County recognize the need for open space preservation as well as proper development.

## **Strategy to Remove or Ameliorate the Barriers to Affordable Housing**

To alleviate the high cost of land as a deterrent to the construction or renovation of property for affordable housing, Suffolk County has implemented a program whereby surplus County-owned property is made available for affordable housing programs. Through this program, the County provides local municipalities and nonprofit agencies with surplus County land. In return for the surplus land, a municipality or nonprofit agency must construct new affordable housing units on the site or renovate an existing home for low and moderate income households.

The County has also created the Suffolk County Affordable Housing Opportunities Program which provides County funds for the acquisition of land and infrastructure improvements to assist with the construction of affordable and workforce housing

In addition to the Long Island Workforce Housing Act, to alleviate the effects of reduced densities, municipalities in Suffolk County have established density bonus programs for affordable housing. Under these programs, developers are permitted to construct additional units on a site, provided that a percentage of the units are set aside for affordable housing purposes, or equivalent funds be placed into a housing trust fund for affordable housing development.

The County is also exploring new technology for sewage treatment plants that will allow a less costly but environmentally safe method to increase densities for affordable housing. Additionally Suffolk County has implemented an expedited review process for housing developments that provide affordable units. Under this program, a project receives priority review by County agencies and local governments, thus expediting the normal levels of review. The savings in time, to process and review a project, is passed along to the future homeowner in the form of a lower priced home.

Another innovative program to reduce barriers is the Transfer of Development Rights Program. Under this program, land acquired for preservation will have the development rights transferred to other buildable sites to provide increased density for workforce housing.

Suffolk County also provides funding for down payment assistance, new construction of owner and rental units and rehabilitation of existing housing as further policies and programs to reduce the barriers for the creation of affordable housing. The County will also be providing a tenant based rental assistance program to expand the down payment assistance programs and preserve rental housing.

## **SP-60 Homelessness Strategy - 91.415, 91.215(d)**

**Describe how the jurisdiction's strategic plan goals contribute to:**

### **Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs**

The institutional structure for the homeless is described in NA-40, MA-30 and SP-60.

The primary method of reaching out to the unsheltered homeless population is through the annual point in time count which is organized and implemented through the Long Island Continuum of care. Member organizations provide volunteers each January who go into the know areas where unsheltered individuals and families reside. These dedicated volunteer interview, assess recommend alternatives to their current homeless status.

Otherwise, throughout the course of the year the Emergency Solutions Grant funds nonprofit groups who provide ongoing outreach and services. Agencies specialize in services to specific groups, namely:

- Victims of domestic violence
- Chronic homeless
- Homeless Veterans
- Mentally ill homeless

### **Addressing the emergency and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

Homeless individuals are placed into homeless shelters through a referral system that begins at the Suffolk County Department of Social Services. A placement can be made through a trained housing specialist case manager or through a 24/7 emergency phone line.

**Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again.**

Emergency Housing service providers belong to a consortium that is headed by the Long Island Continuum of Care group. In order to be eligible for ongoing HUD funding, nonprofits must maintain membership in the CoC, which in turn applies for funding on behalf of the member agencies. Funding is contingent upon scoring criteria that includes ability to meet budget spending goals, data management efficiencies, goal setting abilities and goal attainment among others. The CoC offers trainings and technical assistance to programs in order to facilitate permanent housing and transitional housing placements and services necessary to maintain housing.

**Help low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families who are likely to become homeless after being discharged from a publicly funded institution or system of care, or who are receiving assistance from public and private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education or youth needs**

New York State currently has a discharge policy in place to ensure that persons residing within their institutions (including but not limited to prisons and hospitals) are not discharged to homelessness. Persons discharged from State institutions must have appropriate housing as part of their discharge plan. In Suffolk, the CoC and its members work with local governments to implement similar policies. The CoC and its members have been successful in working with local institutions to prevent homelessness after discharge.

The Long Island CoC, as part of its Ten Year Plan to end chronic homelessness, is taking a “systems prevention” approach in looking at what can be done to prevent institutions from discharging people to homelessness. Much has been done in the mental health system to address this issue. A single point of access (SPA) for all mental health residential beds has been developed and implemented, making it easier for discharge planners to access housing for their clients. SPA staff presents at hospitals on the types of housing available and how to refer clients for placement.

As with other parts of the country, the corrections system can play a large role in contributing to the numbers of homeless persons. Inmates discharged with little or no assistance in accessing housing are very likely to become homeless. Efforts are being made to involve probation and correction administrators in the planning process. The CoC has worked successfully with County officials to hold the corrections system more accountable for what happens after inmates are released.

The corrections system in our region is developing protocols to secure appropriate housing and placements for disabled prisoners upon their release. Additionally in 2008 the NYS Division of Parole - Reentry Services Division established a protocol for assessing and referring parolees to services in an effort to prevent relapse and recidivism. Re-Entry services are provided to 12 “task force counties” in New York, Suffolk County being one of them.

The Suffolk County Department of Social Services provides foster care in our region. They provide discharge plans and work with foster families and youth that are 18 and aging out of the foster care system. Service referrals include but are not limited to educational and vocational assistance. These services target activities that will enable this foster care population to be able to live independently.

All hospital social workers develop discharge plans for their patients who are homeless, including referrals to a wide variety of programs including but not limited to senior housing, nursing and adult home facilities, home health care, nutrition programs, food banks, etc. Patients are not generally discharged unless housing placement and needed services have been secured.

All hospitals receiving government funding for their inpatient mental health beds are required by the NYS Office of Mental Health to have social workers who assist in placing patients who are ready for

discharge. All community mental health housing providers within our region participate in our region's Single Point of Access (SPA), referral system. The SPA acts as a clearinghouse for all beds within the region's mental health housing programs. Hospital social workers make referrals on behalf of patients to the SPA for appropriate placements within the community. The SPA system, in turn, has housing resources available through the Long Island Continuum of Care. Patients are not discharged unless an appropriate placement is secured.

## ***SP-65 Lead-based Paint Hazards - 91.415, 91.215(i)***

### **Actions to address LBP hazards and increase access to housing without LBP hazards**

- New York State requires that all children at one year and two years of age be tested for lead during routine pediatric visits.
- Identification of pre-1978 housing
- Identification of family composition of housing units

### **How are the actions listed above related to the extent of lead poisoning and hazards?**

- Identifying lead paint affected children will lead to housing rehabilitation to associated housing units.
- Identification of pre-1978 housing units will lead to paint testing within the unit
- Identification of the age of pre-1978 housing occupants will determine if testing is necessary, since senior housing with lead paint will not affect the occupants.

### **How are the actions listed above integrated into housing policies and procedures?**

- Suffolk County has integrated a lead paint testing and notification component into its homebuyer and housing rehabilitation programs.
- Units being rehabilitated are evaluated for lead hazards and based on the extent of work and level of lead hazards, financing is provided to remove the lead-based paint hazards.
- Units receiving Section 8 rental assistance are also inspected for lead-based paint hazards by local housing agencies.

## ***SP-70 Anti-Poverty Strategy - 91.415, 91.215(j)***

### **Jurisdiction Goals, Programs and Policies for reducing the number of Poverty-Level Families**

- An estimated 33,944 households in the CDBG Consortium are living below the poverty level. This represents 11% of the Consortium households.
- 34% of Consortium households are occupied by at least one senior, defined as age 62 and older.
- A majority of those persons below the poverty level are DSS clients; women and children.

Pockets of poverty exist in the communities of:

- Gordon Heights,
- Mastic Beach,
- Mastic,
- North Bellport,
- Patchogue Village
- Riverhead
- Flanders/Riverside

To reduce the number of persons below the poverty level, the Consortium members will participate in the following programs:

- Family Self-sufficiency Section 8 Program
- Homeless prevention ESG activities
- Provision of Permanent Housing with Supportive Services
- Continuum of Care activities
- Employment Training Programs

### **How are the Jurisdiction poverty reducing goals, programs, and policies coordinated with this affordable housing plan**

Consortium agencies are currently operating Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Programs that provide housing subsidies and case management services. Referrals are made for transportation, job counseling, health services and educational opportunities with the end goal of eliminating the need for the rental subsidy through increased income. To further anti-poverty goals aligned with the Self-Sufficiency Program, the County provides CDBG funds for public services that promote increased income and homeownership opportunities. The County Department of Social Services and Labor Department share the basic concepts of self-sufficiency through the introduction of work experience activities, employment training, resume and job search techniques. Public Assistance clients actively participate in job readiness, skills testing and community work experience programs. The common goal of Consortium programs, whether through the use of CDBG, HOME or ESG funds, is to assist low and moderate income persons gain the necessary skills to secure long term employment and eventually become independent and earn an income above the poverty level.

Supportive services are an essential component in the anti-poverty strategy. Services are provided within the living situation in some cases and referred out in other cases. In Suffolk County, these services include:

- counseling
- transportation
- food
- day care
- medical assistance
- independent living skills
- job training

Permanent housing with supportive services is another component to the anti-poverty strategy. This housing must be safe and decent and affordable to the family. In Suffolk County, there is a program whereby nonprofit agencies acquire housing to be used by families who are ready for independent living. This program also requires that supportive services are available to the family, as needed. In some cases, families with chronic disabilities may require ongoing supportive services once placed in permanent housing.

By combining and coordinating the above activities, the anti-poverty strategy attempts to promote the movement of families and individuals from poverty to self-sufficiency to independent living, thereby further reducing the number of households living below the poverty level.

## ***SP-80 Monitoring - 91.230***

**Describe the standards and procedures that the jurisdiction will use to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and will use to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements**

The specific administrative requirements (i.e., financial management standards) for grants to state and local government entities are contained in 24 CFR Part 85 and OMB Circular A-87.

Recipients will be monitored for required documentation and compliance with the program requirements.

A compliance monitoring shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- An organizational chart showing titles and lines of authority for all individuals involved in approving or recording financial (and other) transactions
- Written position descriptions that describe the responsibilities of all key employees
- A written policy manual specifying approval authority for financial transactions and guidelines for controlling expenditures
- Written procedures for the recording of transactions, as well as an accounting manual and a chart of accounts
- Adequate separation of duties to assure that no one individual has authority over an entire financial transaction
- Hiring policies to ensure that staff qualifications are equal to job responsibilities and that individuals hired are competent to do the job
- Control of access to accounting records, assets, blank forms, and confidential records are adequately controlled, such that only authorized persons can access them
- Procedures for regular reconciliation of its financial records, comparing its records with actual assets and liabilities of the organization
- Accounting records/source documentation
- Cost allocation plans
- Cash management procedures
- Procurement procedures
- Property control
- Annual audit
- Section 3 Compliance

## **Annual Goals and Objectives**

## Expected Resources

### ***AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)***

#### **Introduction**

Each year, in order to begin the process of allocating funds throughout the Consortium, The Suffolk County Community Development Office begins with the assumption that allocations will be equal to the prior year's allocation. We request that each consortium member submit their requests for project funding based on these annual estimations. When HUD notifies Suffolk County of their actual entitlement funding, we adjust our overall budget and individual projects accordingly. The figures below represent final allocations from HUD for Program Year 2015.

#### **Anticipated Resources**

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
<b>CDBG</b>	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	<b>2,943,934</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,943,934</b>	0	funds must serve to meet the National Objectives of Urgent Need, Elimination of Slum Blight and/or Low/Mod income benefit

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
<b>HOME</b>	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	<b>1,091,903</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,091,903</b>	<b>0</b>	Funding is allocated to affordable housing production, preservation, & sustainability

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
<b>ESG</b>	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	<b>262,969</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>262,969</b>	<b>0</b>	HomelessOutreach,Prevention,Rapid - rehousing & Shelter operations

Table 54 - Expected Resources – Priority Table



**Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied**

Suffolk County has several resources to meet federal match requirements for the HOME and ESG programs. For the HOME Program, the County will utilize surplus property, state grants, County funding, public improvements and waived fees to support affordable housing developments. For the ESG Program, match requirements will be met by cash contributions, DSS subsidies, in-kind services and state grants.

**If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan**

Another source of non-federal funding to meet the Consortium's needs is provided through local resources. Local resources are provided from both Suffolk County and local municipalities. Suffolk County has set aside County funds to acquire property and fund infrastructure improvements for the development of affordable housing. Where feasible, Suffolk County also contributes land in its tax-default inventories for affordable housing. Some consortium municipalities waive building permit, subdivision and landfill tipping fees for affordable housing, all of which represent a great savings in development. To maximize the development of affordable housing and increase neighborhood revitalization, federal resources will be leveraged with private, state and local resources. For instance, affordable housing will be constructed on County surplus property using bank financing for construction, mortgages and state funds to reduce overall development costs. A typical multi-family affordable housing project could have a three to one leverage ratio of non-federal resources to federal resources. In addition, the recently formed Suffolk County Land Bank will seek to acquire, rehabilitate and sell abandoned and foreclosed properties with funds provided by the New York State Attorney General's office.

**Discussion**

Where appropriate, the County will also coordinate resources from Federal, State and local levels to be used to carry out the provision of affordable and supportive housing. The following resources may be available for development activities in Suffolk County.

- Section 108 Loan Guarantee
- Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher
- Shelter Plus Care
- Supportive Housing Program
- Section 202 Senior Rental Housing
- Self-Help Home Ownership Opportunity Program

- NYS Affordable Homeownership Development Program
- NYS Housing Trust Fund
- Low Income Tax Credit
- Homeless Housing Assistance Program
- SONYMA
- Federal Home Loan Bank
- NYS Attorney General grants for abandoned and foreclosed homes

## ***AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)***

### **Goals Summary Information**

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	HOUSING	2015	2017	Affordable Housing	NORTH BELLPORT STRATEGY AREA NORTH BELLPORT MASTIC BEACH GORDON HEIGHTS PATCHOGUE VILLAGE SHIRLEY TARGET AREA MASTIC RIVERHEAD BROOKHAVEN-OTHER THAN TARGET AREAS SMITHTOWN SOUTHAMPTON  ALL AREAS OF SUFFOLK	AFFORDABLE HOUSING	CDBG: \$1,040,820 HOME: \$1,091,903	Rental units constructed: 1 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 1 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 50 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 36 Households Assisted Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 600 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
2	HOMELESS HOUSING	2015	2019	Homeless	OVERALL CONSORTIUM GEOGRAPHY	HOMELESSNESS & SPECIAL NEEDS	ESG: \$262,969	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 35 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 330 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 1235 Persons Assisted HIV/AIDS Housing Operations: 58 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS & FACILITIES	2015	2019	Public Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	NORTH BELLPORT STRATEGY AREA NORTH BELLPORT MASTIC BEACH GORDON HEIGHTS PATCHOGUE VILLAGE SHIRLEY TARGET AREA MASTIC RIVERHEAD RIVERSIDE/FLANDERS SHIRLEY, MASTIC, MASTIC BEACH NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AR BROOKHAVEN-OTHER THAN TARGET AREAS EAST HAMPTON RIVERHEAD-OTHER THAN TARGET AREA SHELTER ISLAND SMITHTOWN SOUTHAMPTON SOUTHOLD VILLAGE OF BELLPORT VILLAGE OF LAKE GROVE VILLAGE OF PATCHOGUE VILLAGE OF JEFFERSON VILLAGE OF SAG HARBOR VILLAGE OF	NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	CDBG: \$974,261	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 4872 Persons Assisted Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 137 Households Assisted

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Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	PUBLIC SERVICES	2015	2019	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	NORTH BELLPORT MASTIC BEACH GORDON HEIGHTS PATCHOGUE VILLAGE SHIRLEY TARGET AREA MASTIC RIVERHEAD RIVERSIDE/FLANDERS	NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	CDBG: \$338,853	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 47545 Persons Assisted
5	ADMINISTRATION & FAIR HOUSING	2015	2019	Administrative functions & Fair Housing activities	NORTH BELLPORT MASTIC BEACH GORDON HEIGHTS PATCHOGUE VILLAGE SHIRLEY TARGET AREA MASTIC RIVERHEAD RIVERSIDE/FLANDERS  ALL AREAS OF SUFFOLK	AFFORDABLE HOUSING HOMELESSNESS & SPECIAL NEEDS NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	CDBG: \$590,000	Other: 100 Other

Table 55 – Goals Summary

### Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	HOUSING
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	Goal Description	HOUSING: This broad category encompasses development of both owner and renter housing in the realm of affordability. This will include the Consortium's CDBG Home Improvement programs that preserve existing housing as well as the development of affordable units through land banks, transit oriented development, density increases, workforce housing subsidies, down payment assistance, tenant based rental assistance and other programs related to removing barriers to affordability. Geographic areas are not limited to the Target Areas identified earlier, but will be comprise the geography of the entire consortium.
2	Goal Name	HOMELESS HOUSING
	Goal Description	HOMELESS HOUSING: This category will include both homeless sheltering and the homeless service component areas as defined by the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). These services focus on: Homeless Prevention, Rapid Rehousing, Shelter Operations and Street Outreach. These activities are primarily carried out through the member organizations of the Continuum of Care and these nonprofits are located throughout Suffolk County and not relegated only to the target areas identified earlier in this report.
3	Goal Name	PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS & FACILITIES
	Goal Description	PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS & FACILITIES: This will include improvements to public facilities that improve handicapped access. These improvements can be made to public and municipal buildings, parks, playgrounds and public housing. These improvements will be applied to the entire consortium geography.
4	Goal Name	PUBLIC SERVICES
	Goal Description	PUBLIC SERVICES: Are services that benefit both the homeless and non-homeless populations that meet the low and moderate income criteria across the entire consortium area. These services include but are not limited to case management, housing and financial counseling, mental health counseling, food pantries, soup kitchens, transportation programs, mentoring programs and senior services.
5	Goal Name	ADMINISTRATION & FAIR HOUSING

	Goal Description	ADMINISTRATION & FAIR HOUSING: Includes activities required to carry out the general administration of all grant funding, including CDBG, ESG and HOME. Also as part of this category, the County contracts with the Long Island Housing Services nonprofit to monitor fair housing complaints, practices and reporting for entire consortium area.
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## **AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)**

### **Introduction**

Suffolk County proposes the following projects. All funds have been allocated to meet the priority housing, homeless and community development needs of the County. Funding has been targeted to identified comprehensive neighborhood service areas and to communities and persons of low and moderate income. The Action Plan is designed to serve 100% low/mod households and individuals, with the exception of a single project that will address a Slum/Blight National Objective, on a spot basis. A portion of the HOME funds will assist first time home buyers to secure housing, while the remaining HOME funds will be utilized in acquiring, rehabilitating and constructing affordable housing for both rental and homeownership, and will also fund a Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program. ESG designated funds will assist the homeless and those at-risk of homelessness by supporting existing programs with proven track records. The Community Development office is committed to promoting the common goals of HUD and the Urban County Consortia by providing ongoing program consultation and support.

#	Project Name
1	CONSORTIUM WIDE HOUSING PROJECTS
2	PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND FACILITIES - BROOKHAVEN
3	PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND FACILITIES - EAST HAMPTON
4	PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND FACILITIES - RIVERHEAD
5	PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND FACILITIES - V OF SAG HARBOR
6	PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND FACILITIES - SMITHTOWN

#	Project Name
7	PUBLIC FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS - SOUTHOLD
8	PUBLIC FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS - V OF LAKE GROVE
9	PUBLIC FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS - V OF PATCHOGUE
10	PUBLIC FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS - V OF SOUTHAMPTON
11	PUBLIC FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS - V OF WH BEACH
12	PUBLIC SERVICES - BROOKHAVEN
13	PUBLIC SERVICES - EAST HAMPTON
14	PUBLIC SERVICES - RIVERHEAD
15	PUBLIC SERVICES - SMITHTOWN
16	PUBLIC SERVICES - SOUTHAMPTON
17	PUBLIC SERVICES - SOUTHOLD
18	PUBLIC SERVICES - V OF BELLPORT
19	PUBLIC SERVICES - V OF PATCHOGUE
20	PUBLIC SERVICES - V OF SOUTHAMPTON
21	PUBLIC SERVICES - V OF WH BEACH
22	ADMINISTRATION - CONSORTIUM WIDE
23	FAIR HOUSING

#	Project Name
24	HESG HOMELESS HOUSING
25	HOME PROGRAMS
26	HOME CHDO

Table 56 – Project Information

### **Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs**

Suffolk County continues to experience very high housing costs. The County has a significant population of persons who are not homeless but at-risk of homelessness. Since 2011 we have seen an increase in: foreclosed homes, excessive housing cost burden, and overcrowding. While the foreclosures have subsided the other obstacles remain. Extremely low-income families with incomes of less than 30% of area median, especially those with children are most impacted. Within this category, it is estimated that 10,418 renter families and 13,830 owners have multiple housing problems, including high cost burden, overcrowding, substandard housing, and/or lacking complete plumbing or kitchens.

These challenges have informed and contributed to Suffolk's overall allocation priorities. The components of Suffolk's strategy in meeting underserved needs include:

- Acquiring, constructing and rehabilitating both rental and homeownership affordable housing
- Implementing a Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program to assist with high rents and security deposits
- Identifying County owned land for the development of permanent supportive-housing
- supporting non-profits in State and Federal funding applications
- Utilizing State and Federal funding in affordable housing development
- Increasing the number of first time homebuyers through the down payment assistance program, first time homebuyer education, financial literacy coursework, and coordination of services with non-profits and housing developers
- providing counseling services for at risk households
- coordinating mental health and housing services through a central housing clearing house by fully utilizing our Continuum of Care

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- funding programs that utilize the Single Point of Access (SPA) model to achieve service linkages to special needs populations
- expanding participation in the region's HMIS system to more readily access homeless beds and services
- preventing homelessness by supporting generic affordable housing models through inclusive zoning, public awareness, education and technical assistance
- preserving existing housing through Home Improvement grants and loans as well as code enforcement programs that encourage the elimination of sub-standard housing
- providing financial assistance to prevent homelessness by paying rental arrearages and
- providing legal assistance in eviction court

## AP-38 Project Summary

### Project Summary Information

Project Name	CONSORTIUM WIDE HOUSING PROJECTS
Target Area	NORTH BELLPORT MASTIC BEACH GORDON HEIGHTS PATCHOGUE VILLAGE SHIRLEY TARGET AREA MASTIC RIVERHEAD RIVERSIDE/FLANDERS OVERALL CONSORTIUM GEOGRAPHY
Goals Supported	HOUSING
Needs Addressed	AFFORDABLE HOUSING
Funding	CDBG: \$1,040,820
Description	Housing Projects as part of this description include: CDBG funded consortium wide Home Improvement and rehabilitation programs as well as Code Enforcement, Public Water connections where available and well installations when necessary. This category can also include housing rehabilitation to nonprofit owned housing for special needs populations.
Target Date	3/31/2017

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	650 low/mod income households
	<b>Location Description</b>	Activities take place throughout the consortium member municipality boundaries of Brookhaven, Riverhead, Southampton, Smithtown.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Housing rehabilitation programs, well installations, public water connections and Code enforcement.
2	Project Name	PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND FACILITIES - BROOKHAVEN
	Target Area	NORTH BELLPORT MASTIC BEACH GORDON HEIGHTS PATCHOGUE VILLAGE SHIRLEY TARGET AREA MASTIC OVERALL CONSORTIUM GEOGRAPHY
	Goals Supported	PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS & FACILITIES
	Needs Addressed	NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
	Funding	CDBG: \$576,800
	Description	Physical improvements to public buildings to make them handicapped accessible and to parks and playgrounds in low and moderate income neighborhood census tracts. This project area may also include improvements to streets, sidewalks and drainage.
	Target Date	3/31/2017

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	43,700 low/moderate income households
	<b>Location Description</b>	Activities take place throughout the Brookhaven Town boundaries including but not limited to the target areas identified.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Activities include: Street drainage improvements, Park security and improvements, and removal of architectural barriers
3	Project Name	PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND FACILITIES - EAST HAMPTON
	Target Area	OVERALL CONSORTIUM GEOGRAPHY
	Goals Supported	PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS & FACILITIES
	Needs Addressed	NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
	Funding	CDBG: \$94,400
	Description	Physical improvements to public buildings to make them handicapped accessible and to parks and playgrounds in low and moderate income neighborhood census tracts. This project area may also include improvements to streets, sidewalks and drainage.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	172 low/moderate income persons
	<b>Location Description</b>	Activities take place throughout the East Hampton town boundaries.

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Activities include: generator installation to public housing and improvements to domestic violence shelter.
4	Project Name	PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND FACILITIES - RIVERHEAD
	Target Area	RIVERHEAD
	Goals Supported	PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS & FACILITIES
	Needs Addressed	NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
	Funding	CDBG: \$31,000
	Description	Physical improvements to public buildings to make them handicapped accessible and to parks and playgrounds in low and moderate income neighborhood census tracts. This project area may also include improvements to streets, sidewalks and drainage.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	500 low/moderate income households
	<b>Location Description</b>	Riverhead Senior Center
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Activities will include: Riverhead Senior Center improvements.
5	Project Name	PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND FACILITIES - V OF SAG HARBOR
	Target Area	OVERALL CONSORTIUM GEOGRAPHY
	Goals Supported	PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS & FACILITIES
	Needs Addressed	NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

	Funding	CDBG: \$4,000
	Description	Physical improvements to public buildings to make them handicapped accessible and to parks and playgrounds in low and moderate income neighborhood census tracts. This project area may also include improvements to streets, sidewalks and drainage.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 1000 persons
	<b>Location Description</b>	Activities to be undertaken at the Village of Sag Harbor's public buildings.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Addition of handicapped accessibility features to public buildings
6	Project Name	PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND FACILITIES - SMITHTOWN
	Target Area	OVERALL CONSORTIUM GEOGRAPHY
	Goals Supported	PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS & FACILITIES
	Needs Addressed	NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
	Funding	CDBG: \$79,000
	Description	Physical improvements to public buildings to make them handicapped accessible and to parks and playgrounds in low and moderate income neighborhood census tracts. This project area may also include improvements to streets, sidewalks and drainage.
	Target Date	3/31/2017

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	approximately 1287 persons
	<b>Location Description</b>	Activities will be undertaken within the Town of Smithtown boundaries
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Sidewalk and accessibility improvements.
7	Project Name	PUBLIC FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS - SOUTHOLD
	Target Area	OVERALL CONSORTIUM GEOGRAPHY
	Goals Supported	PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS & FACILITIES
	Needs Addressed	NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
	Funding	CDBG: \$34,448
	Description	Physical improvements to public buildings to make them handicapped accessible and to parks and playgrounds in low and moderate income neighborhood census tracts. This project area may also include improvements to streets, sidewalks and drainage.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	approximately 1000 persons
	<b>Location Description</b>	Fishers Island and the remaining geography of the Town of Southold
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Public safety renovations to exterior of Fishers Island Theater.  Public safety improvements to Town's Community Center.

8	Project Name	PUBLIC FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS - V OF LAKE GROVE
	Target Area	OVERALL CONSORTIUM GEOGRAPHY
	Goals Supported	PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS & FACILITIES
	Needs Addressed	NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
	Funding	CDBG: \$39,290
	Description	Physical improvements to public buildings to make them handicapped accessible and to parks and playgrounds in low and moderate income neighborhood census tracts. This project area may also include improvements to streets, sidewalks and drainage.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1,100 persons
	<b>Location Description</b>	Activities to take place along Hawkins Ave. in the Village.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Sidewalk improvements to include installing curb cuts and/or ramps
9	Project Name	PUBLIC FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS - V OF PATCHOGUE
	Target Area	PATCHOGUE VILLAGE
	Goals Supported	PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS & FACILITIES
	Needs Addressed	NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000

	Description	Physical improvements to public buildings to make them handicapped accessible and to parks and playgrounds in low and moderate income neighborhood census tracts. This project area may also include improvements to streets, sidewalks and drainage.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	2,000 persons
	<b>Location Description</b>	Activities will take place on Main Street in the Village of Patchogue.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Downtown revitalization and beautification activities to improve the downtown hub of the Village of Patchogue
10	Project Name	PUBLIC FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS - V OF SOUTHAMPTON
	Target Area	OVERALL CONSORTIUM GEOGRAPHY
	Goals Supported	PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS & FACILITIES
	Needs Addressed	NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
	Funding	CDBG: \$11,323
	Description	Physical improvements to public buildings to make them handicapped accessible and to parks and playgrounds in low and moderate income neighborhood census tracts. This project area may also include improvements to streets, sidewalks and drainage.
	Target Date	3/31/2017

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	350 persons both low/moderate income and handicapped
	<b>Location Description</b>	Activities will take place within the boundaries of the Village of Southampton
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Project delivery costs for the Senior Food Pantry and handicapped accessibility additions to the African American Museum.
11	Project Name	PUBLIC FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS - V OF WESTHAMPTON BEACH
	Target Area	OVERALL CONSORTIUM GEOGRAPHY
	Goals Supported	PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS & FACILITIES
	Needs Addressed	NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
	Funding	CDBG: \$4,000
	Description	
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	500 overall and some handicapped persons
	<b>Location Description</b>	In a public space at the Village Green located in the downtown area
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Installation of handicapped accessible drinking fountain.
12	Project Name	PUBLIC SERVICES - BROOKHAVEN

	Target Area	NORTH BELLPORT MASTIC BEACH GORDON HEIGHTS SHIRLEY TARGET AREA MASTIC OVERALL CONSORTIUM GEOGRAPHY
	Goals Supported	PUBLIC SERVICES
	Needs Addressed	NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
	Funding	CDBG: \$192,000
	Description	PUBLIC SERVICES: Are services that benefit both the homeless and non-homeless populations that meet the low and moderate income criteria across the entire consortium area. These services include but are not limited to case management, housing and financial counseling, mental health counseling, food pantries, soup kitchens, transportation programs, mentoring programs and senior services.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	44,883 low/moderate income persons, those at risk of homelessness and those at risk of gang violence
	<b>Location Description</b>	Activities will take place within the boundaries of the Town of Brookhaven, particularly in the areas of Gordon Heights, Bellport and Mastic/Shirley.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Activities will include Senior nutrition services, youth counseling, meditation, disabilities services coordination and housing counseling.
13	Project Name	PUBLIC SERVICES - EAST HAMPTON

	Target Area	OVERALL CONSORTIUM GEOGRAPHY
	Goals Supported	PUBLIC SERVICES
	Needs Addressed	NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	PUBLIC SERVICES: Are services that benefit both the homeless and non-homeless populations that meet the low and moderate income criteria across the entire consortium area. These services include but are not limited to case management, housing and financial counseling, mental health counseling, food pantries, soup kitchens, transportation programs, mentoring programs and senior services.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	96 low/moderate income households
	<b>Location Description</b>	Throughout the geographic boundaries of the Town of East Hampton
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	meals and food for homeless and at risk of homelessness and counseling services
14	Project Name	PUBLIC SERVICES - RIVERHEAD
	Target Area	RIVERHEAD RIVERHEAD-OTHER THAN TARGET AREA
	Goals Supported	PUBLIC SERVICES
	Needs Addressed	NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000

	Description	PUBLIC SERVICES: Are services that benefit both the homeless and non-homeless populations that meet the low and moderate income criteria across the entire consortium area. These services include but are not limited to case management, housing and financial counseling, mental health counseling, food pantries, soup kitchens, transportation programs, mentoring programs and senior services.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 970 persons low and moderate income persons will benefit from proposed activities
	<b>Location Description</b>	within the geographic boundaries of Riverhead Town.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Activities include provision of meals, overnight sheltering, food pantry, and senior services.
15	Project Name	PUBLIC SERVICES - SMITHTOWN
	Target Area	SMITHTOWN
	Goals Supported	PUBLIC SERVICES
	Needs Addressed	NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	PUBLIC SERVICES: Are services that benefit both the homeless and non-homeless populations that meet the low and moderate income criteria across the entire consortium area. These services include but are not limited to case management, housing and financial counseling, mental health counseling, food pantries, soup kitchens, transportation programs, mentoring programs and senior services.
	Target Date	3/31/2017

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 245 low/moderate income person will benefit from these activities
	<b>Location Description</b>	Within the geographic boundaries of the Town of Smithtown
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Activities will include minor home repairs for Seniors and daily calls to check in as well as youth counseling services
16	Project Name	PUBLIC SERVICES - SOUTHAMPTON
	Target Area	SOUTHAMPTON
	Goals Supported	PUBLIC SERVICES
	Needs Addressed	NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
	Funding	CDBG: \$24,500
	Description	PUBLIC SERVICES: Are services that benefit both the homeless and non-homeless populations that meet the low and moderate income criteria across the entire consortium area. These services include but are not limited to case management, housing and financial counseling, mental health counseling, food pantries, soup kitchens, transportation programs, mentoring programs and senior services.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 60 families will benefit from the proposed activities
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Activities will include services for aging in place for Seniors and a Youth counseling/mentoring program.

17	Project Name	PUBLIC SERVICES - SOUTHOLD
	Target Area	SOUTHOLD
	Goals Supported	PUBLIC SERVICES
	Needs Addressed	NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
	Funding	CDBG: \$11,000
	Description	PUBLIC SERVICES: Are services that benefit both the homeless and non-homeless populations that meet the low and moderate income criteria across the entire consortium area. These services include but are not limited to case management, housing and financial counseling, mental health counseling, food pantries, soup kitchens, transportation programs, mentoring programs and senior services.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 200 persons will benefit from the proposed activities
	<b>Location Description</b>	
18	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Activities will include homeless sheltering and emergency food and clothing.
	Project Name	PUBLIC SERVICES - V OF BELLPORT
	Target Area	VILLAGE OF BELLPORT
	Goals Supported	PUBLIC SERVICES
	Needs Addressed	NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000

	Description	PUBLIC SERVICES: Are services that benefit both the homeless and non-homeless populations that meet the low and moderate income criteria across the entire consortium area. These services include but are not limited to case management, housing and financial counseling, mental health counseling, food pantries, soup kitchens, transportation programs, mentoring programs and senior services.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 600 seniors will benefit from the proposed activity.
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Senior transportation program activities will include bringing people to their doctors' appointments, food shopping and other necessary travel.
19	Project Name	PUBLIC SERVICES - V OF PATCHOGUE
	Target Area	VILLAGE OF PATCHOGUE
	Goals Supported	PUBLIC SERVICES
	Needs Addressed	AFFORDABLE HOUSING NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	PUBLIC SERVICES: Are services that benefit both the homeless and non-homeless populations that meet the low and moderate income criteria across the entire consortium area. These services include but are not limited to case management, housing and financial counseling, mental health counseling, food pantries, soup kitchens, transportation programs, mentoring programs and senior services.
	Target Date	3/31/2015

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 40 low and moderate income people will benefit from the proposed activities
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Housing counseling activities to preserve housing and prevent homelessness and a homeless assessment and outreach program.
20	Project Name	PUBLIC SERVICES - V OF SOUTHAMPTON
	Target Area	VILLAGE OF SOUTHAMPTON
	Goals Supported	PUBLIC SERVICES
	Needs Addressed	NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,953
	Description	PUBLIC SERVICES: Are services that benefit both the homeless and non-homeless populations that meet the low and moderate income criteria across the entire consortium area. These services include but are not limited to case management, housing and financial counseling, mental health counseling, food pantries, soup kitchens, transportation programs, mentoring programs and senior services.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 30 low/moderate income households will benefit from the proposed activities
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Day care center activities for children of low/moderate income households

21	Project Name	PUBLIC SERVICES - V OF WESTHAMPTON BEACH
	Target Area	VILLAGE OF WESTHAMPTON BEACH
	Goals Supported	PUBLIC SERVICES
	Needs Addressed	NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,400
	Description	PUBLIC SERVICES: Are services that benefit both the homeless and non-homeless populations that meet the low and moderate income criteria across the entire consortium area. These services include but are not limited to case management, housing and financial counseling, mental health counseling, food pantries, soup kitchens, transportation programs, mentoring programs and senior services.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 76 people will benefit from the proposed activities.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Activities will take place within the geographic boundaries of the Village of Westhampton Beach.
22	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Family counseling and domestic violence counseling.
	Project Name	ADMINISTRATION - CONSORTIUM WIDE
	Target Area	OVERALL CONSORTIUM GEOGRAPHY
	Goals Supported	ADMINISTRATION & FAIR HOUSING

	Needs Addressed	AFFORDABLE HOUSING HOMELESSNESS & SPECIAL NEEDS NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
	Funding	CDBG: \$580,000 HOME: \$109,190
	Description	Activities necessary to administer CDBG, HOME and ESG grants for municipalities and nonprofits.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The total estimated persons who will benefit from HOME and CDBG activities is 108,864
	<b>Location Description</b>	Activities take place throughout the consortium boundaries including but not limited to the target areas identified.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Administration and oversight of all consortium activities including HOME, ESG, CDBG - public services, public improvements and housing.
23	Project Name	FAIR HOUSING
	Target Area	OVERALL CONSORTIUM GEOGRAPHY
	Goals Supported	ADMINISTRATION & FAIR HOUSING
	Needs Addressed	NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	Fair housing activities that focus on education, investigations and reporting.

	Target Date	3/31/2017
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	approximately 500 persons will benefit from this activity.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Activities take place throughout the consortium boundaries including but not limited to the target area identified.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Fair housing testing, reporting and consultation as needed.
24	Project Name	HESG HOMELESS HOUSING
	Target Area	NORTH BELLPORT MASTIC BEACH GORDON HEIGHTS PATCHOGUE VILLAGE SHIRLEY TARGET AREA MASTIC RIVERHEAD RIVERSIDE/FLANDERS
	Goals Supported	HOMELESS HOUSING
	Needs Addressed	HOMELESSNESS & SPECIAL NEEDS
	Funding	ESG: \$262,969
	Description	Activities associated with ESG goals of homeless prevention, rapid rehousing, street outreach, shelter operations and administrative oversight.
	Target Date	3/31/2017

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	Activities take place throughout the consortium boundaries including but not limited to the target area identified.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
25	Project Name	HOME PROGRAMS
	Target Area	OVERALL CONSORTIUM GEOGRAPHY
	Goals Supported	HOUSING
	Needs Addressed	AFFORDABLE HOUSING
	Funding	HOME: \$818,928
	Description	Housing programs funded through HOME funds for new construction, Acquisition, Rehabilitation, and Down Payment assistance.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 56 low and moderate income households will benefit from proposed activities
	<b>Location Description</b>	Activities take place throughout the consortium boundaries including but not limited to the target areas identified previously.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	HOME new construction, Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance, Acquisition and rehab as well as Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) support.

26	Project Name	HOME CHDO
	Target Area	OVERALL CONSORTIUM GEOGRAPHY
	Goals Supported	HOUSING
	Needs Addressed	AFFORDABLE HOUSING
	Funding	HOME: \$163,785
	Description	HOME Community Housing Development Organization CHDO activities that include operations and direct homeowner assistance available through designated CHDO organizations to rehabilitate, acquire and provide affordable rental and home ownership opportunities. Within the Suffolk County Consortium the Bellport Hagerman East Patchogue Alliance (BHEP) and the North Fork Housing Alliance are recognized CHDO's that receives funding through the HOME grant.
	Target Date	3/31/2017
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	approximately 120 low and moderate income persons will benefit from the proposed activities
	<b>Location Description</b>	This program benefits the entire CDBG consortium area and the additional geography of the Town of Huntington for the implementation of the HOME Program.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	

### ***AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)***

**Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed**

For the purposes of implementing community development activities in a comprehensive manner, Suffolk County has identified low and moderate income neighborhood census areas to designate as target areas. These neighborhoods contain within their boundaries a low and moderate uncapped income population of 51% or more.

#### **Geographic Distribution**

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
NORTH BELLPORT	10
MASTIC BEACH	17
GORDON HEIGHTS	12
PATCHOGUE VILLAGE	100
SHIRLEY TARGET AREA	11
MASTIC	10
RIVERHEAD	100
RIVERSIDE/FLANDERS	50

Table 57 - Geographic Distribution

### **Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

The Towns of Brookhaven, Riverhead and Southampton have implemented programs to benefit low and moderate income persons. Concentrations of low/mod populations occur in the "target area" neighborhoods and the need for housing improvements has been identified as a priority in these neighborhoods, where home maintenance is a challenge with limited income. These municipalities have designated a portion of their overall CDBG allocation (minus administrative funding) to address this housing need as well as code enforcement and public service needs. The percentages reported reflect that portion. For clarification Gordon Heights, Mastic, Mastic Beach, North Bellport and Shirley all fall within Brookhaven boundaries; while Riverside/Flanders is part of Southampton Town. Riverhead is a geographic designation that includes the entirety of Riverhead Town and the same is true of the Village of Patchogue.

### ***AP-60 Public Housing - 91.420, 91.220(h)***

#### **Introduction**

The municipalities of the Suffolk County Consortium do not have a federally chartered Public Housing Agency. The only federally chartered public housing is in the entitlement Towns of Islip and Huntington and is reported in their respective consolidated and annual plans.

#### **Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing**

The County of Suffolk does not directly oversee the operations of Housing Authority facilities. The Housing Authorities within the consortium are managed by their respective municipalities. Municipalities that currently have subsidized housing are: East Hampton, Southampton, Huntington, Riverhead and Patchogue. The Community Development Corporation of Long Island as well as each municipality's respective Community Development Divisions each administers Section 8 programs.

#### **Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership**

not applicable

#### **If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance**

There are currently no troubled housing authorities within Suffolk County's consortium, to our knowledge.

## ***AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities - 91.420, 91.220(i)***

### **Introduction**

The Program Year 2015 Action Plan will continue to implement activities to assist the homeless and special needs populations and reduce the number of persons below the poverty level.

Census data indicates that of the total Suffolk County population of 1,499,748 the total number of persons below the poverty level (30% AMI) in the Suffolk County Consortium is estimated at 49,933. This represents 5.3% of the total consortium population. Based on available data, it can be stated that the majority of persons below the poverty line are Department of Social Services clients. To reduce the number of persons with incomes below the poverty level, the County has developed or will participate in the following programs:

- Family Self Sufficiency Programs
- Employment training programs
- Provision of permanent housing with supportive services
- Long Island Homeless Housing Continuum of Care
- Homeless prevention programs

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The Continuum of Care group holds an annual sheltered and unsheltered homeless count, which identifies the locations where unsheltered homeless persons are staying. This information becomes part of the program delivery for ESG sub-recipients, in that they can provide street outreach more effectively. The case managers know where to find the potential program participants that most need access to rapid rehousing and emergency services. Our goals align with HUD's "housing first" approach that the Consortium and CoC reinforce with their staff and members and that the County emphasizes in its ESG allocations.

### **Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

The ESG grant currently provides funding to several transitional and emergency housing programs. This year's funding will be utilized to focus on homeless prevention and shelter operations support as the County has been reliant upon the CoC member nonprofits to focus on the "housing first" model that is currently preferred, and which is not easily addressed given the limited funding available through the ESG program award

**Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again**

This year we are funding the Economic Opportunity Council 26% of the ESG award for rehousing activities. This nonprofit has proven that they have the experience and expertise to facilitate services to the chronically homeless and the at-risk populations. They provide access to services to all sub-populations including veterans, families, and youth. The County has been requesting that the homeless shelters offer “after care” programs that reduce recidivism rates by providing case management services to families recently discharged to permanent housing. Since funding for staffing is limited, the nonprofit shelter community has attempted to provide services with limited resources and staff.

**Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.**

Last year, we placed special emphasis on case management, interventions, advocacy, life-skills and financial fitness training to at-risk persons, to facilitate homeless prevention. This year we intend to continue that focus. We are awarding 44% of our ESG funds into prevention programs for the mentally ill, veterans, and single men. The single population, particularly, is very often the group that falls between the cracks as most homeless programs and emergency housing placements are geared toward families. Since services are extremely limited for single persons; prevention is crucial.

## ***AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing - 91.420, 91.220(j)***

### **Introduction**

A number of state and local public policies, embodied in ordinances, statutes, regulations and procedures affect the ability to create and maintain affordable housing. The most significant policies affecting the Suffolk County Consortium include the following:

#### New York State Health Department Regulations

Since all of the County's drinking water is derived from underground aquifers, all new developments must adhere to state requirements for groundwater protection. In an effort to address groundwater concerns permitted densities on large tracts of land throughout the County are limited, contributing to increased land development costs. Additionally, most of the municipalities in the Consortia do not have sewers, resulting in the additional cost of providing a waste treatment facility for higher density housing developments.

#### State Building Codes

State Building Codes require the installation of elevators for multi-family buildings exceeding two stories in height. This adds to the cost of development, affecting the development of affordable units.

#### Zoning Policy

In most locations throughout the consortium, the zoning maps reflect established densities and land uses. Applications for higher density development that require zoning changes must evaluate area-wide planning and environmental factors, as prescribed by New York State law. This can expose a housing proposal to opposition from community residents, reflecting long entrenched community attitudes against higher density housing in general, and non-age restricted rental housing in particular.

#### Intergovernmental Requirements

The development process for housing includes two, and in some cases three and four levels of government (local, County, state and Federal), increasing the timeframe for development and thereby increasing costs.

#### Open Space Preservation

Suffolk County and its municipalities have one of the most aggressive and successful open space preservation programs in the County. While this program has proven to be extremely beneficial to the protection of the environment and land, it has reduced the amount of land available for development and increased land costs for the construction of housing.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

Suffolk County will continue to implement its Affordable Housing Opportunities Program. This program will use County funds to acquire property and fund infrastructure improvements for the construction of affordable rental or owner-occupied housing.

To alleviate the high cost of land as a deterrent to the construction or renovation of property for affordable housing, Suffolk County will provide surplus county-owned property for affordable housing programs. Through this program, the County provides local municipalities and non-profit agencies with County land. In return for the surplus land, a municipality or non-profit agency must construct new affordable housing units on the site or renovate an existing home for low- and moderate-income households. To date the County has transferred approximately 546 parcels of tax defaulted properties for development as affordable housing.

To alleviate the high cost of land development for affordable housing purposes, municipalities in Suffolk County have established density bonus programs for affordable housing. Under these programs, developers are permitted to construct additional units on a site, provided that a percentage of the units are set aside for affordable housing purposes.

Builders and developers have assisted local municipalities and non-profit agencies with building specifications and are very active in participating in affordable housing projects. Several developers have constructed affordable housing projects with limited profits.

Foundations have also been assisting non-profit agencies by providing seed money for projects, financing non-profit operating costs and assisting with supportive services.

Local contractors have been active in the rehabilitation programs, and the construction of public improvements and facilities of the Consortium. Contractors have actively bid on both rental and homeowner residential rehabilitation activities and public works projects.

Suffolk County and its many and varied partners have been quite successful in the provision of affordable housing. The County's role as coordinator and financial facilitator of programs and policies has resulted in partnerships with municipalities, non-profit and for-profit organizations that have produced affordable housing for renters, homeowners and the homeless. The Action Plan developed by Suffolk County continues to enhance this coordinated intergovernmental effort by requesting input in its preparation from housing providers, private and public service agencies, and by local municipalities.

The programs administered through Suffolk County for affordable housing are also designed to be coordinated with other agencies engaged in programs to reduce the number of persons below the poverty line.

## Discussion

To produce affordable or supportive housing in Suffolk County requires significant coordination and public/private partnership among many housing organizations. Most affordable housing projects involve County, Town, non-profit, and private sector participation. Suffolk County works with federal, state and local agencies to fund projects and/or supply the land, the towns and non-profits approve and assist in a project's implementation, financial institutions provide construction and/or mortgage financing, while builders and developers perform the construction. This institutional structure delivery system has proven to be extremely productive in developing affordable housing in Suffolk County. During program year 2015, the Consortium plans to continue and expand this system. Suffolk County, working in participation with local housing agencies, also provides housing assistance.

Suffolk County will continue to work with its municipal and development partners to foster the development of affordable housing and address the issuers and barriers that impact its success. In addition, the County will be utilizing HOME funds to implement a new Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program to assist low and moderate income persons with high rental costs and security deposits.

## ***AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)***

### **Introduction**

This section of the Consolidated Plan must describe the Consortium's planned actions to carry out the following Strategies:

- Obstacles to meeting underserved needs
- Foster and maintain affordable housing
- Evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards
- Reduce the number of poverty level families
- Develop institutional structure
- Enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

### **Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs**

Foundations have been assisting non-profit agencies by providing seed money for projects, financing non-profit operating costs and assisting with supportive services.

Local contractors have been active in the rehabilitation programs, and the construction of public improvements and facilities of the Consortium. Contractors have actively bid on both rental and homeowner residential rehabilitation activities and public works projects.

### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

The County utilizes several approaches to create and maintain its affordable housing stock. These programs have been discussed in other sections of the 2015 Annual Plan and will be summarized below. The HOME funded activities include:

#### The HOME funded activities include:

- the Down Payment Assistance Program
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program
- New Construction projects in which developers will create approximately 27 additional units of new homeowner housing and 45 - 50 units of rental housing
- Acquisition, Rehabilitation and/or construction of affordable owner and rental housing

- Consortium municipalities will rehabilitate additional owner occupied homes

To maintain affordability these programs have mandatory affordability periods that range from 5 years to 20 years, on a sliding scale according to amount of subsidy. The particulars are discussed earlier in this document. County Programs include: Affordable Housing Opportunities Program and 72H Programs which will also contribute to affordable housing stock. Five Consortium municipalities administer Home Improvement Programs utilizing CDBG funding and estimate that they will cumulatively rehabilitate approximately 46 homes thereby fostering affordability. These recapture periods vary by municipality from 5 years to lifetime provisions with the goal of maintaining affordability. In addition, where possible, ESG funding is utilized to prevent homelessness and keep families in their existing affordable rentals thereby maintaining affordability. These program administrators collectively estimate that they will serve approximately 100 families in this way.

### **Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

To evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards in the Consortium housing stock, Suffolk County will continue to implement the requirements for notification, evaluation and reduction of lead-based paint hazards in carrying out residential rehabilitation and acquisition activities funded with CDBG, HOME and ESG funds. This includes identifying homes in the both programs, which pre-date 1978 when lead paint was no longer used. Prior to any rehab work commencing a lead paint test is conducted and depending upon the results, lead safe work practices are strictly adhered to.

### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

The programs administered through Suffolk County for affordable housing are also designed to be coordinated with other agencies engaged in programs to reduce the number of persons below the poverty line.

Programs that foster financial independence are currently being administered by Consortium housing agencies. These are programs that will be instrumental in reducing the number of households below the poverty line. The Consortium CDBG program will continue to target public services to support these efforts. The Action Plan includes housing and counseling services to very low income families by both the North Bellport Housing Alliance and North Fork Housing Alliance. These two non-profits also carry out non-CDBG funded job training activities for low-income persons.

### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

Institutional structure is discussed below

### **Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies**

To produce affordable or supportive housing in Suffolk County significant coordination and public/private partnership among many housing organizations is required. Most affordable housing projects involve State, County, Town, non-profit, and private sector participation. Suffolk County supplies the land and/or subsidy, the towns and non-profits oversee a project's implementation, financial institutions provide construction and/or mortgage financing, and builders/developers perform the construction. This institutional structure delivery system has proven to be extremely productive in developing affordable housing in Suffolk County. During fiscal year 2014, the Consortium plans to continue and expand this system. Suffolk County, working in participation with local housing agencies, also provides housing assistance. The County has down payment assistance funds available for public housing and Section 8 tenants who are eligible to become homeowners. Should the housing authorities also propose rental projects, the County is available to provide financial assistance.

Suffolk County and its many and varied partners have been quite successful in the provision of affordable housing. The County's role as coordinator and financial facilitator of programs and policies has resulted in partnerships with municipalities, non-profit and for-profit organizations that have produced affordable housing for renters, homeowners and the homeless. The Action Plan developed by Suffolk County continues to enhance this coordinated intergovernmental effort by requesting input in its preparation from housing providers, private and public service agencies, and by local municipalities.

## **Program Specific Requirements**

### ***AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(l)(1,2,4)***

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

## Introduction

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

### Other CDBG Requirements

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|---|---------|
| 1. The amount of urgent need activities   | 0       |
|   |         |
| 2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan. | 100.00% |

### HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

**The jurisdiction must describe activities planned with HOME funds expected to be available during the year. All such activities should be included in the Projects screen. In addition, the following information should be supplied:**

- 1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:**

There are no other forms of investment being used beyond those previously identified

**2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:**

#### **HOME Resale/Recapture Provisions**

When Suffolk County utilizes HOME funds to assist a household in the purchase of a unit, restrictions will be placed on the unit to ensure compliance with the HOME resale and recapture requirements described in 24CFR 92.254. Under most circumstances, the recapture method as described below will be used, although in certain circumstances, the resale method may be required.

#### **Recapture (Direct Homebuyer Subsidy)**

Under most circumstances (except as noted below under “Resale”), homeownership projects undertaken will be subject to recapture. The homebuyer assistance will be secured by means of a note and mortgage given to Suffolk County by the household being assisted. The amount of the note and mortgage will be for the total Direct Homebuyer Subsidy. The total Direct Homebuyer Subsidy shall include:

- Any HOME funds provided to the buyer at time of purchase (down payment, closing cost or housing rehabilitation) to assist with the purchase, whether provided directly by the program administrator or by the developer using funds provided by the program; and
- Any reduction in the purchase price from fair market value to an affordable purchase price.

If there is a Direct Homebuyer Subsidy or if there is both Direct Homebuyer Subsidy and Development Subsidy then the recapture method shall be used. Accordingly, if there is no Direct Homebuyer Subsidy, and only a Development Subsidy is provided, then the resale method outlined below must be used.

**3. description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:**

#### **Resale Method**

Affordability Period – The period of affordability shall be specified in the note and mortgage and will be the minimum period for the project. The following table outlines the required minimum affordability periods:

If the homebuyer assistance in the period of the unit is:

Under \$15,000 affordability period is: 5 years

From \$15,000 to \$40,000 10 years

Over \$40,000 15 years

New Construction 20 years

The affordability period will be determined by the total amount of the Direct Homebuyer Subsidy.

If the house is sold at any time during the applicable Period of Affordability, then the Direct Homebuyer Subsidy will be recaptured from Net Proceeds as follows:

Suffolk County will reduce the amount of Direct Homebuyer Subsidy on a pro-rata basis for the time the homebuyer has owned and occupied the housing, measured against the required affordability period. The resulting ratio will be used to determine how much of the Direct Homebuyer Subsidy Suffolk County will recapture. The pro rata amount recaptured cannot exceed what is available from Net Proceeds.

**To determine the pro rata amount recaptured by Suffolk County:**

Divide the number of years the homebuyer occupied the home by the period of affordability. Multiply the resulting figure by the total amount of direct HOME subsidy originally provided to the homebuyer.

Number of years homebuyer occupied the home x Total direct HOME subsidy = Recapture

**Period of affordability Amount**

If there are insufficient Net Proceeds available at sale to recapture the full pro rata amount due, Suffolk County is not required to repay the difference between the prorated direct HOME subsidy due and the amount Suffolk County is able to recapture from available from Net Proceeds. Net Proceeds is defined as the sale price of the home minus closing costs and any non-HOME loan repayment.

If the assisted property is sold while under the resale restrictions the home must be sold to a HOME eligible buyer, approved by Suffolk County or its subrecipient.

The County will administer its resale provisions by ensuring that (1) the owner receives a Fair Return on Investment and (2) the home will continue to be affordable to buyers not exceeding 80% AMI.

Fair Return on Investment means (1) the total homeowner investment which includes the total cash contribution (i.e. down payment) and the principal amortized on senior debt paid by the homeowner plus (2) the cost of approved capital improvements (evidenced by the homeowner's receipts) and (3) an amount calculated at the percentage of increase in the US Department of Labor Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers for the consolidated metropolitan statistical area that includes Suffolk County. The calculation shall be performed for the County of Suffolk.

Suffolk County will ensure continued affordability to a range of buyers, particularly those whose total household incomes range from 60 percent to no greater than 80 percent of the HUD area median income.

The seller must have the sales price approved by The County, in addition to approval of the HOME eligible buyer. If the fair market value of a HOME assisted property subject to resale provisions is more than what is affordable to the subsequent purchaser, then additional HOME assistance may be given by The County to the new purchaser.

**4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:**

**NOT APPLICABLE**

## **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Reference 91.220(l)(4)**

**Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)**

SEE ATTACHMENT 1: Suffolk County ESG Guidelines 03.2015.docx

**If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.**

The centralized system is called HMIS and is administered through Suffolk County's Continuum of Care group. They continue to improve the quality of the inputted data and holds regularly scheduled training sessions for all CoC members. Participation in the HMIS system is a requirement for receiving grant funding through ESG.

**Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).**

The County has implemented an application process that requires each agency to formally apply for funding each year. Allocations are made based upon the HUD award, the completeness of the applications, the prior experience in carrying out activities and the agency's ability to meet the goals of the ESG Program.

**If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.**

Suffolk County and the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless, as administrator of the Continuum of Care (CoC) group meet this requirement.

**Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.**

The Long Island CoC HMIS Performance Measurement System has been designed to summarize, quantify, and report on accomplishments. The 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan has prioritized the Consortium's needs and the 2015 Annual Action Plan generated through IDIS has a measurement system built into the software that includes the following components:

- 1) Consolidated Plan Priority Needs Charts that identify the priority need, objectives outcomes and 5 year planned accomplishments.

- 2) Annual Action Plan Project Descriptions that contain planned accomplishments for the year, funding and performance indicators. The Plan will also include a summary listing of projects with performance measurement data.
- 3) The measurement system's third component is the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS), a computer system that reports accomplishments and other information to HUD. During the program year, the County will enter its planned and actual accomplishments for each activity into IDIS. At the end of the program year, the County will run reports that summarize these accomplishments.
- 4) The final component to the performance measurement system is the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The CAPER will provide an annual assessment of planned and actual accomplishments and how they relate to the proposed outcome indicators.

## Attachments:

**ATTACHMENT 1 - ESG MANUAL**

**ATTACHMENT 2 - HOMELESS BEDS AVAILABLE**

CoC Number: NY-603

CoC Name: Nassau, Suffolk Counties/Babylon/Islip/ Huntington CoC

								Subset of Total Bed Inventory		
Family	Family	Adult-Only	Child-Only	Total Yr-Round Beds	Seasonal Voucher	Overflow /	Chronic	Veteran	Youth	
Units <sup>1</sup>	Beds <sup>1</sup>	Beds	Beds				Beds <sup>2</sup>	Beds <sup>3</sup>	Beds <sup>3</sup>	
Emergency, Safe Haven and Transitional Housing	673	2,212	658	7	2,877	85	535	n/a	165	22
Emergency Shelter	565	1,877	434	7	2,318	85	535	n/a	67	12
Transitional Housing	108	335	224	0	559	n/a	n/a	10	98	10
Permanent Housing	351	1,245	876	0	2,121	n/a	n/a	5	451	0
Permanent Supportive Housing*	351	1,245	876	0	2,121	85	535	10	451	0
Grand Total	1,024	3,457	1,534	7	4,998			10	616	22
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\*HUD's point-in-time count does not include persons or beds in Permanent Supportive Housing as currently homeless.

\*\*Other Permanent Housing (OPH) - consists of PH - Housing with Services (no disability required for entry) and PH - Housing Only, as identified in the 2014 HMIS Data Standards.

<sup>1</sup>Family Units and Family Beds categories include units and beds for households with one adult and at least one child under age 18.

<sup>2</sup>Chronic Beds include beds in Permanent Supportive Housing dedicated to serve chronically homeless persons.

<sup>3</sup>Veteran Beds and Youth Beds, respectively, include beds dedicated to serve homeless veterans and their families, and include beds dedicated to housing homeless youth age 24 and younger.



## Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Overview

The ESG program is authorized by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as amended by the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act). This federally funded program is administered through HUD by a formula allocation to ESG entitlement localities and states.

The Suffolk County Community Development Office (SCCD) is responsible for administering the county's ESG allocation. The county allocation minus 7.5 percent for local government administrative costs will be allocated to non-profits.

The goals of the ESG program are that:

- Individuals and families at-risk of homelessness obtain and maintain appropriate permanent housing; and
- Individuals and families experiencing homelessness obtain and maintain appropriate permanent housing.
- Individuals and families who are not currently homeless, but are at risk of imminent homelessness are prevented from becoming homeless

SCCD will meet these objectives through supporting effective homeless services and prevention programs.

### Funding Levels

The estimated total funding available for annual distribution through this competitive application is approximately \$246,000 based on 2014 funding levels. Please note that actual HUD funding levels have not been determined at the writing of this document and could vary significantly from current year funding levels.

SCCD does not anticipate making any awards greater than \$50,000 for street out-reach, shelter rehabilitation, shelter operational costs or essential services proposals; however SCCD will consider making higher awards to proposals for homeless prevention and rapid-rehousing services (see Eligible Programs for specifics).

SCCD will review recipient performance at least semi-annually and reserves the right to de-obligate and reallocate funds throughout the grant term. Timely spending and voucher draws are imperative.

Administrative costs are not eligible costs for non-profit applicants.

All grants will be program-based awards for eligible homeless services and homeless prevention programs. Only proposals meeting minimum threshold requirements will be considered for funding. See Eligible Activities and Proposal Evaluation Criteria for more details.

### Applicant Eligibility

Applicants must be non-profits and current on 990 filings.

Organizations that are religious or faith-based are eligible, on the same basis as any other organization, to receive ESG funds. §576.406 shall apply to those receiving funds.

Applicants must be in compliance with ESG guidelines and applicable state and federal policies and procedures, including compliance with federal and state non-discrimination laws.

Applicants must have established standard accounting practices including internal controls, fiscal accounting procedures and cost allocation plans, and be able to track agency and program budgets by revenue sources and expenses.

Applicants with outstanding audit findings, IRS findings, SCCD monitoring findings or other compliance issues are not eligible ESG recipients and any recipient will not be eligible to receive allocations if any of these conditions occur within the grant period. Please note that SCCD will work with all interested parties, where appropriate, toward the resolution of unresolved matters.

Eligible applicants must be able to demonstrate prior experience serving individuals and families at-risk of or currently experiencing homelessness.

Continuum of Care participation is required. All applicants must provide CoC participation certification.

Applicants must certify that they will fully utilize the Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS) for their area. HMIS utilization is mandatory unless the organization is a domestic violence shelter/services provider.

Although domestic violence programs are exempt from the HMIS requirement they will be required to provide aggregate data for reporting purposes.

All recipients must match their ESG allocation with an equal amount of other federal, state and local resources (cash and non-cash) in accordance with the revised matching requirements at 24 CFR 576.201.

### Key Applicant Eligibility Factors

- Non-profit
- No outstanding findings or other issues
- Experienced homeless services/prevention provider
- Must be able to meet recordkeeping and reporting requirements including HMIS

- utilization (exception for domestic violence programs)
- Must be certified as local CoC participant
- Proposals must be in line with SCCD's Five Year Consolidated Plan

### Eligible Program Participants

Eligible program participants for emergency shelter, transitional housing and rapid re-housing programs must meet HUD's definition of homelessness:

Homeless Status Eligibility	
(1)	An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence as defined by §576.2(1)(i)(ii)(iii);
(2)	An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence as provided by §576.2(2)(i)(ii)(iii);
(3)	Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition but who are defined as homeless under §576.2(3)(i)(ii)(iii)(iv);
(4)	<p>An individual or family:</p> <p>(A) who is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual's or family's primary residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return to their primary nighttime residence;</p> <p>(B) has no other residence; and</p>

Eligible program participants for homeless prevention activities must meet HUD’s definition of at-risk of homelessness:

At-Risk of Homelessness Status Eligibility	
An individual or family who:	
(1)	has income below 30 percent of the median area family income as defined by HUD*; AND
(2)	Does not have sufficient resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place describe in as described in paragraph (1) of the “homeless definition in §576.2; AND
(3)	<p>Meets one of the following conditions:</p> <p>Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance;</p> <p>Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship;</p> <p>Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance;</p> <p>Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals;</p> <p>Lives in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than two persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 persons reside per room, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau;</p> <p>Is exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care (such as a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution); OR</p>
(4)	A child or youth under who does not qualify as “homeless” under this section, but qualifies as “homeless” as defined under §576.2(2)(3);

\*See Determination of Income section of these guidelines.

Please note that ESG recipients are required to document homelessness or at-risk status for each program participant.

### Determination of Income Eligibility

All households at-risk of homelessness served with ESG must meet the HUD definition of at-risk including having household income at 30 percent or below area median income (AMI). The definition of household income for the purpose of this program is based on HUD's Section 8 income eligibility standards.

Area median income by household size for Suffolk County is available at:

<http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/EconomicDevelopmentandPlanning/CommunityDevelopment.aspx>

### Suffolk County uncapped income limits

Recipients must document and date the determination of income eligibility. This documentation including all required source documentation must be included in the program participant record. Please note that in the case of no household income a program participant certified statement of no income is allowable.

### Eligible Programs

Eligible programs are Street Outreach (essential services), Emergency Shelter (major rehabilitation, conversion or renovation, essential services, shelter operations), Homeless Prevention (case management, housing relocation and stabilization services and short and/or medium-term rental/utility assistance) and Rapid Re-Housing (housing relocation/stabilization services and short and/or medium-term rental assistance).

Please note that eligible program activity types and cost categories are based on current SCCD and HUD program design and may be subject to change.

Emergency Shelter provides short-term emergency housing for the homeless in general or for specific populations of individuals or families experiencing homelessness. Emergency shelter programs provide temporary emergency shelter, housing barrier assessments and referrals to appropriate permanent housing resources.

The ultimate goal is that no one is homeless (living on the streets, in emergency shelter or in transitional housing) for more 30 days.

Eligible emergency shelter programs should be structured as no more than six months with a focus on minimizing the amount of time that program participants remain homeless (living on the streets, in emergency shelter or in transitional housing). Please note that the lead-based paint requirements apply for programs 100 days or more in duration.

Emphasis should be placed on providing adequate assessments of program participant housing barriers with a focus on moving program participants to permanent solutions as soon as possible.

The expectation is that emergency shelters are working closely with other community resources to minimize the length of the shelter stay.

Eligible program costs include actual costs (rent, maintenance, utilities) associated with the facility or units where temporary shelter is provided and where intake, assessments and services are provided. Eligible costs include staff costs associated with intake, assessments, referrals and shelter operations. These costs exclude mortgage related costs in the case where a recipient has a debt service on a facility and/or housing unit, location for temporary shelter and/or service provision.

Please note that eligible emergency shelter program costs outlined in this guideline are based on current ESG federal regulations and anticipated regulatory changes and may be subject to change.

Rapid Re-housing is designed to provide immediate permanent housing to individuals and families experiencing homelessness. This program is typically targeted to program participants with relatively few housing barriers. It may include follow-up and/or short-term case management. Eligible costs include program participant rent subsidy, rent and utility deposits, and rent and utility arrears in the case where payment is necessary to obtain permanent housing. Eligible costs also include staff and facility costs associated with the provision of the rapid re-housing.

The amount and length of rent subsidies is based on need and must not exceed 24 months during any three year period. Rental arrears consist of a one-time payment for up to 6 months of rent in arrears, including late fees on those arrears.

Please note that eligible rapid re-housing and transition-in-place program costs outlined in this guideline are based on current ESG federal regulations and anticipated regulatory changes and may be subject to change.

Homelessness status must be documented as required for all program participants that receive emergency shelter, transitional housing and rapid re-housing.

Homeless Prevention provides eligible financial assistance, case management and support services to qualified program participants at risk of becoming homeless. All program participants receiving prevention services must have household incomes at or below 30 percent of the area median income (AMI).

Financial assistance includes rent and utility assistance in the cases where otherwise eligible program participants have received eviction notices or notices of termination of utility services and;

- The program participant cannot make the required payments due to a sudden reduction in income;
- The assistance is necessary to avoid the eviction or termination of services;
- There is a reasonable prospect that the family will be able to resume and maintain payments within a reasonable period of time; and
- The assistance will not replace funding for pre-existing homelessness prevention activities from other sources.

Eligible homeless prevention support services activities or programs are designed to prevent the incidence of homelessness, including (but not limited to):

- Mediation programs for landlord-tenant disputes;
- Legal services programs for the representation of indigent tenants in eviction proceedings;
- Case management; and
- Staff and facility costs associated with providing prevention services.

At risk status and income eligibility based on the Section 8 income definition must be documented prior to receiving any services for all program participants receiving homeless prevention services.

Please note that eligible homeless prevention costs outlined in this guideline are based on current ESG federal regulations and may be subject to change.

Applicants must not submit multiple proposals that share any of the same program components. For example, SCCD will not consider either proposal in the case where an applicant has submitted a proposal for a specific emergency shelter program and a separate proposal for homeless services that includes the same emergency shelter. SCCD will not consider or fund either proposal in any case where proposals appear to share program components. Subsequently, SCCD reserves the right to fully de-obligate all funding commitments for any recipient found to have shared program components across multiple funding commitments.

Eligible Program Type	Purpose	Eligible Costs
Street Outreach (essential services)	Reaching out to unsheltered homeless individuals and families, connecting them with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services, and providing them with urgent, non-facility-based care.	Engagement, case management, emergency health and mental health services, and transportation.
Emergency Shelter	Major rehabilitation, conversion, or renovation of a building to serve as a homeless shelter. Site must serve homeless persons for a least 3 to 10 years, depending on the cost.	Property acquisition and new construction are ineligible ESG activities.
Emergency Shelter	Essential services.	Case management, childcare, education services, employment assistance and job training, outpatient health services, substance abuse treatment services, transportation, and services for special populations.
Emergency Shelter	Shelter operations	Maintenance, rent, repair, security, fuel, equipment, insurance, utilities, relocation, and furnishings.

Eligible Program Type	Purpose	Eligible Costs
Homeless Prevention	<p>Housing relocation and stabilization services and short and/or medium-term rental/utility assistance as necessary to prevent the individual or family from becoming homeless if:</p> <p>Annual income of the family is below 30% of median family income.</p> <p>Assistance is necessary to help program participants regain stability in their current permanent housing or move into other permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.</p>	<p>Utilities, rental application fees, security deposits, last month's rent, utility deposits and payments, moving costs, housing search and placement, housing stability case management, landlord-tenant mediation, tenant legal services, and credit repair.</p>
Rapid Re-Housing	<p>Housing relocation and stabilization services and short and/or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to help individuals or families living in shelters or in places not meant for human habitation move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.</p>	<p>Utilities, rental application fees, security deposits, last month's rent, utility deposits and payments, moving costs, housing search and placement, housing stability case management, landlord-tenant mediation, tenant legal services, and credit repair.</p>

Ineligible costs include, but may not be limited to:

- Recruitment
- Depreciation
- Costs associated with the organization rather than the specific program
- Any costs associated with advertisements, pamphlets, surveys, etc...
- Staff training, entertainment, conferences or retreats
- Public relations or fundraising
- Recipient bad debts/late fees

- Program participant mortgage assistance/payments
- Recipient mortgage/debt service
- Indirect costs
- Rental assistance in any unit in which the recipient or subsidiary has one percent or more ownership interest in the property

Recipients will be monitored to assure that reimbursed ESG expenses are in compliance with program guidelines.

#### Documentation of Homelessness or At-Risk Status

Documentation of participants' homelessness situation is an important aspect of ESG program compliance. ESG recipients are required to maintain adequate documentation of homelessness or at-risk status to determine the eligibility of persons served by HUD's homeless assistance or prevention programs. The documentation is typically obtained from the participant or a third party at the time of referral, entry, intake or orientation to the ESG funded program. A completed Homeless Certification Form or At-Risk of Homelessness

Certification Form (required documentation) and any supporting documentation must be maintained in the client file.

Recipients will be monitored for compliance with this documentation requirement.

#### Property Standards

All facilities and housing units where program participants move must meet basic habitability standards. Documentation of this must be included, where applicable, in all program participant files or be available specific to the facility. Congregate facilities must assure that ESG funded program facilities meet these standards. The ESG Basic Habitability Check List is the required documentation for this specific program requirement.

Shelter facilities must pass annual fire inspections, unless otherwise exempted by SCCD.

All programs must meet Lead Safe requirements where program participant residence will be greater than 100 days.

A number of lead-based paint requirements apply for programs longer than 100 days:  
The sub-grantee should conduct the following activities:

1. A visual assessment of all painted surfaces to identify deteriorated surfaces;
2. Complete paint stabilization of all deteriorated surfaces;
3. Incorporate ongoing lead-based paint maintenance activities into the regular building maintenance operations;
4. Notification as described above; and
5. Include a completed Lead Visual Assessment form in applicable program participant files.

A number of properties are exempt from this regulation. For the properties that fall under the following categories, the lead-based paint regulations do not apply:

- Housing built after January 1, 1978 (the date when lead-based paint was banned for residential use);
- Housing exclusively for the elderly or persons with disabilities, unless a child under age six is expected to reside there;
- Zero bedroom dwellings, including efficiency apartments, single-room occupancy housing, dormitories, or military barracks;
- Property that has been found to be free of lead-based paint by a certified inspector;
- Property from which all lead-based paint has been removed and clearance has been achieved;
- Unoccupied housing that will remain vacant until it is demolished;
- Non-residential property;
- Any rehabilitation or housing improvement that does not disturb a painted surface;
- Emergency repair actions which are needed to safeguard against imminent danger to human life, health or safety, or to protect property from further structural damage;
- Emergency housing assistance (such as for the homeless) unless the assistance is for long-term assistance that lasts more than 100 days. In the case where long-term housing assistance lasts for more than 100 days, then the rule does apply.

Copies of the lead-based paint regulation can be obtained by downloading it from the HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control web site at [www.hud.gov/lea](http://www.hud.gov/lea) or by calling 1-800-424-LEAD.

Each program will be monitored for required documentation and compliance with this program requirement.

### Financial Management

Recipients must ensure compliance with regulations and requirements pertaining to the following key areas of financial management:

- Allowable costs
- Source documentation
- Internal controls
- Budget controls
- Cost allocation plans
- Cash management
- Accounting records
- Procurement
- Property asset controls
- Audits

Recipients must use ESG program funds only for eligible activities and in accordance with the SCCD-approved program budget. Any changes from the planned expenditures must be approved in advance by SCCD. ESG funds may not be used for activities other than those authorized in the regulations and approved by SCCD. Furthermore, all expenditures must be in accordance with conditions such as funding ceilings and other limitations on ESG eligible costs.

Internal controls refer to the combination of policies, procedures, defined responsibilities, personnel and records that allow an organization to maintain adequate oversight and control of its finances. As such, internal controls reflect the overall financial management system of an organization or agency. Budget controls, cost allocation plans, cash management, accounting records, procurement and property controls are sub-sets of the overall financial system.

The specific administrative requirements (i.e., financial management standards) for grants to state and local government entities are contained in 24 CFR Part 85 and OMB Circular A-87.

Recipients will be monitored for required documentation and compliance with the program requirements.

A compliance monitoring may review the following:

- An organizational chart showing titles and lines of authority for all individuals involved in approving or recording financial (and other) transactions
- Written position descriptions that describe the responsibilities of all key employees
- A written policy manual specifying approval authority for financial transactions and guidelines for controlling expenditures
- Written procedures for the recording of transactions, as well as an accounting manual and a chart of accounts
- Adequate separation of duties to assure that no one individual has authority over an entire financial transaction
- Hiring policies to ensure that staff qualifications are equal to job responsibilities and that individuals hired are competent to do the job
- Control of access to accounting records, assets, blank forms, and confidential records are adequately controlled, such that only authorized persons can access them
- Procedures for regular reconciliation of its financial records, comparing its records with actual assets and liabilities of the organization
- Accounting records/source documentation
- Cost allocation plans
- Cash management procedures
- Procurement procedures
- Property controls
- Annual Audit

Audits

Recipients receiving a total of \$500,000 or more in federal and/or state funds are required to have annual audits conducted in compliance with OMB A-133 standards. Those recipients with less than \$500,000 in federal and state funds should complete annual reviewed financial statements. Annual audits and financial statements, whichever is appropriate, must be within six months following the end of the recipient's fiscal year.

Time sheets

Employee time sheets should reflect actual hours (not percentages) worked and be based on the cost allocation plan. Time sheets should be signed and dated (or equivalent electronic approval) by the employee and the supervisor having first-hand

knowledge of the work performed. If the expenditures are paid for by more than one source (e.g., federal, United Way, private donations) the split costs should be accurately tracked within the recipient's accounting system.

### Method of Payment

Recipients must submit Requests for Reimbursement. The Requests for Reimbursement are reviewed by SCCD staff and approved for reimbursement based on the information submitted. ESG monitoring will review full source documentation for specific reimbursement periods. Any item found to be ineligible and/or unsupported will not be reimbursed. SCCD reserves the right to reduce subsequent reimbursements by the amount of any ineligible and/or unsupported cost. Any recipient with unresolved findings or compliance issues may have reimbursement suspended. Any applicant with unresolved findings or compliance issues is ineligible for ESG funding through this program.

### DUNS Number

All recipients are required to register with Dun and Bradstreet to obtain a DUNS number if they have not already done so. For more information see 73 FR23483, April 30, 2008 or go to: [http://www.dnb.com/US/duns\\_update/](http://www.dnb.com/US/duns_update/).

### Central Contractor Registration (CCR)

The Central Contractor Registration (CCR) is the primary registrant database for the U.S. Federal Government. CCR collects, validates, stores, and disseminates data in support of agency acquisition missions, including Federal agency contract and assistance awards. Both current and potential federal government registrants are required to register in CCR in order to be awarded contracts by the federal government. Registrants must update or renew their registration at least once per year to maintain an active status. Although recipients of direct federal contracts and grant awards have been required to be registered with CCR since

2003, this requirement is now being extended to indirect recipients of federal funds passage of ARRA. Per ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) and FFATA (Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act) federal regulations, all sub-grantees or subcontractors receiving federal grant awards or contracts must be registered with the CCR. To register go to <https://www.bpn.gov/ccr/default.aspx> with the

## Recordkeeping

Recipients must keep any records and submit any reports (including those pertaining to race, ethnicity, gender and disability status data) that HUD or SCCD may require within the timeframe required. All program and program participant records must be maintained for a minimum of five years.

## Monitoring

SCCD is responsible for monitoring all ESG activities carried out by a recipient to ensure that the program requirements established by HUD and SCCD are met. Monitoring may also be conducted by the local HUD Office of Community Planning and Development, HUD's Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs, HUD's Office of Inspector General, HUD's

Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity or another federal agency to determine whether the recipient complied with the requirements of this program.

A programmatic monitoring includes but is not limited to the following:

- Program participant files
- Intake packets
- Discharge/appeals documents
- Prescreening tools
- Personnel policy manual
- Agency policy and procedure manual
- Board of Director information (meeting minutes, committee information, etc.)
- Location of program participant files
- Staff training documentation
- Financial management

## HMIS

The ESG recipients are required to report program participant-level data, such as the number of persons served and their demographic information, in a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) database. HMIS is an electronic data collection system that facilitates the collection of information on persons who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless that is managed and operated locally. Please note that domestic violence programs are exempt from the HMIS requirement, however they will be required to provide aggregate data for reporting purposes.

## Other Requirements

This section outlines several additional federal requirements with which ESG-funded sub- grantees must comply. These requirements include:

- Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity;
- Lead-based Paint;
- Conflict of Interest; and
- Limits on Funding to Primarily Religious Organizations.

## Non-discrimination and Equal Opportunity

The use of ESG funds requires that the recipients make facilities and services available to all on a nondiscriminatory basis and publicize this fact. The procedures that a recipient uses to convey the availability of such facilities and services should reach persons with handicaps or persons of any particular race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, familial status or national origin within their service area who may qualify for them. If not, the recipient must establish additional procedures that will ensure that these persons are made aware of the facilities and services. Recipients must adopt procedures to disseminate information to anyone who is interested regarding the existence and location of handicap accessible services or facilities.

## Fair Housing and Americans with Disabilities Act

The Fair Housing law does not intend to prohibit property owners, managers and program administrators from valid inquiries into an applicant's ability to meet lease requirements and/or program eligibility requirements as set forth in federal or state programs. However, there are certain rules to which recipients must adhere. Recipients should also understand the Fair Housing laws when working with landlords in obtaining housing for the program participants.

If the provision of supportive services is part of the housing program, then these services should be provided in a non-discriminatory manner based on written program eligibility policies and procedures. No provider is required to take any action which would fundamentally alter the nature of the program in order to accommodate the disability of an applicant or tenant.

Restriction of Children/Handicapped in Housing: There can be no restriction as to where persons may reside in housing with the exception of federal or management priorities for certain adapted or accessible units. Accepting or rejecting applicants on the basis of the ability to evacuate safely is not allowed. Accepting or rejecting program participants based on the age of the children is not allowed.

Legal and Illegal Questions - The Fair Housing Law clearly defines legal and illegal questions for all applicants of all housing in the United States. It is unlawful to make an inquiry to determine whether an applicant for a dwelling, a person intending to reside in that dwelling after it is sold, rented or made available, or any person associated with that person, has a handicap or to make inquiry as to the nature or severity of a handicap of such a person.

However, the following inquiries can be made, provided these inquiries are made to all applicants, whether or not they have handicaps:

- Inquiry into an applicant's ability to meet the requirements of ownership or tenancy;
- Inquiry to determine whether an applicant is qualified for a dwelling available only to persons with handicaps or to persons with a particular type of handicap;
- Inquiry to determine whether an applicant for a dwelling is qualified for a priority available to persons with handicaps or to persons with a particular type of handicap;
- Inquiry to determine whether an applicant for a dwelling is a current illegal drug abuser or addict of a controlled substance;
- Inquiry to determine whether an applicant has been convicted of the illegal manufacture or distribution of a controlled substance.

A manager or owner is never required to make available a dwelling to an individual whose tenancy would constitute a direct threat to the health or safety of other individuals, or whose tenancy would result in substantial physical damage to the property of others.

Recipients must be in compliance with Fair Housing and Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. Further information can be found at <http://www.ada.gov> and <http://www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/FHLaws/index.cfm>.

Four types of obligations must be met:

- 1 Implementation of nondiscriminatory policies and procedures;
- 2 Making reasonable accommodations as necessary in policies and procedures in order to provide equal enjoyment and use of their services;
- 3 Providing auxiliary aids and services as necessary for effective communication (within a reasonable accommodation standard); and
- 5 Providing physical access to and within the shelter (to the extent it is “readily achievable” to do so).

Additional guidance can be found at:

[http://www.nlchp.org/content/pubs/Q&A\\_DV\\_CivilRightsJuly%2020091.pdf](http://www.nlchp.org/content/pubs/Q&A_DV_CivilRightsJuly%2020091.pdf).

Conflict of Interest

Recipients must avoid any conflict of interest in carrying out activities funded by state or federal grants dollars, such as the Emergency Solutions Grant program. Generally, this means that a person who is an employee, otherwise in a decision-making position, or has information about decisions made by the organization (such as an agent, consultant, volunteer, officer or elected or appointed official of the grantee or recipient) may not obtain a personal or financial interest or benefit from the organization's activity, including through contracts, subcontracts or agreements. This exclusion continues during the employee's tenure and for one year following employment.

As part of general guidelines for the procurement of goods and services using federal funding (such as ESG), organizations are required to have a "code of conduct" or “conflict of interest” policy in place that prohibits employees, officers, agents or volunteers of the organization from participating in the decision making process related to procurement if that person, or that person's family, partner or any organizations employing any of the above has a direct financial interest or benefit from that procurement. In addition, these persons may not accept any gratuity, favors or anything

of monetary value from a contractor, consultant or other entity whose services are procured for the organization. Organizations should develop standards for avoiding such apparent or potential conflicts. Such standards must include a written policy that is part of the employee policies. Employees, board members, and volunteers are required to sign a statement indicating that they have read the policy and will comply.

#### Limits on Funding to Primarily Religious Organizations

In order to uphold the basic provision of separation of church and state, a number of conditions apply to the provision of ESG funding to organizations that are primarily religious in nature. These provisions generally require that when funded under the ESG program, the religious organization will provide services in a way that is free from religious influences and in accordance with the following principles:

- The organization will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment on the basis of religion, and will not limit employment or give preference in employment on the basis of religion.
- The organization will not discriminate against, limit services provided to, or give preference to any person obtaining shelter, other service(s) offered by the project, or any eligible activity permissible under the ESG program on the basis of religion and will not limit such service provision or give preference to persons on the basis of religion.
- The organization will not provide religious instruction, counseling, religious services, worship (not including voluntary nondenominational prayer before meetings), engage in religious proselytizing, or exert other religious influences in the provision of shelter or other eligible ESG activities.

Requiring that a program participant attend religious services or meetings as a condition of receiving other social services at the organization (such as shelter or a meal) is not allowed under this provision. Allowing participants to choose to take part in services or meetings offered by the organization as they wish, separate from the ESG-funded activities provided, is allowable.

In making an application to receive ESG funding, it is not necessary for the religious organization to establish the separate, secular organization (501 (c) 3) prior to submitting the application or prior to its selection, but may apply on behalf of the secular organization to be established. The application is reviewed on the basis of the religious

organization's financial responsibility, capacity and its commitment to provide appropriate resources to the secular organization after its formation. After formation, the secular organization will be required to demonstrate that it meets the definition of a nonprofit organization. Obligation of SCCD's ESG funds will be conditioned upon compliance with these requirements.

### Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business and Section 3

Minority and women's business enterprise outreach requirements apply to all Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs administered by SCCD including ESG. SCCD applicable sub-grantees recipients that receive SCCD-administered HUD funds are required to facilitate participation by women-owned and minority-owned business enterprises. This includes maintaining and reporting applicable contract information for all applicable contracts and sub-contracts funded with any HUD funds awarded through SCCD.

The Section 3 Program requires that recipients of certain HUD financial assistance, to the greatest extent possible, provide job training, employment, and contract opportunities for low- or very-low income residents in connection with projects and activities in their neighborhoods.

Reportable data elements include, but are not limited to the following:

- Amount of the contract or subcontract
- Type of trade
- Contractor/subcontract racial/ethnic code
- Designation as Women-owned business (yes/no)
- Primary contractor ID number
- Designation as Section 3 Contractor (yes/no)
- Subcontractor ID number
- Contractor/Subcontractor name
- Contractor/Subcontractor address

## Proposal Evaluation Criteria

All proposals received by the deadline (5 P.M. on Monday, December 1, 2014) that meet minimum threshold requirements will be reviewed and ranked by SCCD in consultation with the local CoC.

### Threshold Criteria:

- Eligible applicant
- If multiple proposals, no shared program components
- Eligible activities
- Proposal received on or before deadline
- Need

All proposals meeting the minimum threshold requirements will be reviewed and ranked based on the following criteria:

- Does the proposal seek to fill what would otherwise be a gap in homeless services for this specific geographic area?
- Does the proposal support local coordinated efforts?
- Level of coordination with other providers
- Level of community planning
- Does the proposal (proposed budget and budget narrative) demonstrate a need for the requested funding?
- Is there clearly a demand for the program in the area?
- How critical is the need in the area?
- Does the proposed program include any special features that would enhance the proposal's ability to meet the target population's needs?
- How credible is the evidence to support the local need?
- Approach
- How experienced is the applicant with providing similar services and assistance?
- How experienced is the applicant in working with the target population?
- How well is the proposal coordinated with other activities and funding sources in the area?
- Does the proposed program appear to be based on proven methods and/or is the program able to demonstrate good outcomes?

- Do the program costs appear reasonable?
- Do the program outcomes and objectives appear reasonable?
- Does the proposal support Federal and State goals?
- Will individuals and families experiencing homelessness access permanent housing in a timely manner?
- Will there be a reduction in the length of shelter stay?
- Will the program prevent homelessness?
- Capacity
- How experienced is the applicant with providing similar services and assistance?
- Does there appear to be a plan for appropriate program oversight?
- Does the applicant demonstrate effective grant management experience?
- Does the applicant demonstrate adequate capacity for data collection and reporting?
- How many, and what type of findings, concerns or other compliance issues has the agency had during the past 2 program years?
- To what degree does the program leverage other resources?

SCCD reserves the right to make adjustments to ESG requested amounts. SCCD reserves the right to make provisional funding commitments in order to address local needs.

## Appendix - Alternate/Local Data Sources

1	<p>Data Source Name</p> <p>HUD 2014 CoC Homeless Assist. Programs PIT Count</p>
	<p>List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.</p> <p>The data was originated by NY-603 Continuum of Care as reported to HUD. The Long Island Continuum of Care is managed by the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless, a nonprofit agency. Data is reported to the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) software mandated by HUD.</p>
	<p>Provide a brief summary of the data set.</p> <p>The data set is a point in time snapshot survey of both sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons and families, conducted on January 22, 2014. This report cannot isolate Suffolk County numbers from the entire Continuum of Care which consists of Nassau County, Suffolk County, Babylon Town, Islip Town, and the Town of Huntington. For the purposes of this discussion we will necessarily talk about homelessness as it applies to Long Island as a whole.</p>
	<p>What was the purpose for developing this data set?</p> <p>This is a HUD mandated data set required as a means to assess the current homeless population and track trends, numbers, subpopulations and their subsequent needs.</p>
	<p>Provide the year (and optionally month, or month and day) for when the data was collected.</p> <p>The "Point in Time" data was collected on January 22, 2014.</p>
	<p>Briefly describe the methodology for the data collection.</p> <p>The NY-603 Continuum of Care organized by the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless (LICH) uses the HMIS system to collect data relative to sheltered homeless persons. Each member organization is required to use the reporting software and the LICH collates and analyses the inputted data and reports to HUD on a regular basis. In addition, each year a large group of volunteers goes into the neighborhoods and into the places where unsheltered homeless persons are both known and suspected to reside. The volunteers interview these homeless individuals and takes the opportunity to provide some essential items such as coats, hygiene products, food and referrals.</p>

	<p>Describe the total population from which the sample was taken.</p> <p>As described above, the population is homeless individuals and families both sheltered and unsheltered in the following locations: Nassau County, Suffolk County, and the towns of Babylon, Islip, and Huntington.</p>
	<p>Describe the demographics of the respondents or characteristics of the unit of measure, and the number of respondents or units surveyed.</p> <p>The survey breaks out the following demographics:</p> <p>Households without children - ages 18 - 24, over age 24</p> <p>Households with at least one adult and one child - children under age 18, ages 18 - 24, over 24</p> <p>Households with only children</p> <p>Chronically Homeless Individuals</p> <p>Chronically Homeless Persons in Families</p> <p>and the following subpopulations:</p> <p>Severely Mentally Ill</p> <p>Chronic Substance Abuse</p> <p>Veterans</p> <p>HIV/AIDS</p> <p>Victims of Domestic Violence</p> <p>The total number reported is 3,205 homeless persons in households both with and without children. Additionally, within this count is 5 households consisting of children only.</p>